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The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Pastor Greg Shipe, First Baptist Church, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the Earth.

We confess that Your word is proven and You are a shield to all those who trust in You.

We thank You for the freedoms, the blessings, and the responsibilities You have bestowed on this land.

Father, we humbly bow before You, asking You to guide this House as they debate, vote, and interact with one another and their constituents, and that they would do so in a manner pleasing to You. We pray that You would grant them wisdom, a wisdom not derived from fallible man, but rather from You and Your infallible word.

We pray for families in our Nation and the needs of vulnerable children. We believe, Father, that righteousness exalts a nation, and so we pray for justice and truth to prevail that You might be glorified in this Nation.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. ESPAILLAT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ESPAILLAT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING PASTOR GREG SHIPE

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my pastor, Pastor Greg Shipe, of the First Baptist Church in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, who offered today's opening prayer in the United States House of Representatives.

Pastor Shipe was ordained into ministry in 2009 and has served the congregation of First Baptist Church since 2011. I am fortunate to be a member of the First Baptist Church congregation.

When he is not behind the pulpit, Pastor Shipe serves as the chaplain to the Logan Fire Company and coaches recreational youth soccer and baseball.

Pastor Shipe and his wife, Connie, are also busy raising six children. They are active foster parents as well. They use their experience to mentor other foster parents in Centre County and beyond.

As a foster mentor, Pastor Shipe also serves on the board of Keystone Family

Alliance, a bridge ministry helping to connect churches to foster agencies, to equip them in caring for children, and to provide resources to local agencies and foster families.

Mr. Speaker, Pastor Shipe and his family continue to inspire those in our congregation, as well as the entire community, and I am thankful for my pastor and this mighty man of God.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. AMODEI). The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DALE SCHNEIDER

(Mr. EMMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dale Schneider, who passed away last week at the age of 76.

Born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, Dale took over the family-owned Sal's Bar and Grill in St. Joseph, Minnesota, from his parents in 1971. Sal's is at the crossroads of St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict, where all things Johnnies and Bennies reign supreme.

For over 50 years, Dale kept thirsty students, faculty, and community members well hydrated and fed. Dale had a steel trap of a memory that helped to remember names of college

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alumni years after graduation. In some cases, he also remembered their outstanding bar tabs.

I had the pleasure of getting to know Dale during my many visits to Sal's over the years. No trip to a Johnnies football game was complete without a post-game beer at Sal's. There is some solace in the fact that the next time I am at Sal's, I will likely see his son, Kyle, tending bar just like his dad.

To Dale's wife, Diane, and the rest of the family, we pray that Dale's lasting memory gives you comfort during this difficult time. A great life lived.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HARRY BELAFONTE

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, Harry Belafonte was a lifelong public servant and civil rights advocate who selflessly used the power of his voice to entertain us through songs, as well as to build awareness and bring attention to numerous social and political causes for vulnerable communities across the United States and the world.

He was a hitmaker and changemaker. From New York City to Hollywood, he broke barriers. His efforts helped propel the civil rights movement and created an appetite for justice across the country.

Harry Belafonte was an entertainer, an ambassador for humanity, and an advocate for goodwill across this planet.

An alumnus of George Washington High School in my district, Mr. Belafonte was a Harlem treasure, an ambassador for humanity, and he will never be forgotten.

Today, I honor his life, his legacy, and the contributions he made to the global community.

MAKE OUR STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, AND CLASSROOMS SAFER

(Mr. OGLES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on the bill I will introduce today, the TEACH Act, the Teachers Empowered Against Classroom Harm Act. This bill would ensure that those who choose to protect children from armed intruders have the opportunity to do so.

We are all aware of the tragedy that took place at the Covenant School in my district a month ago. These types of tragedies are indicative of the evil that exists in our world. While we will never be able to ban the intentions of evil people, we can allow men and women to equip themselves in order to protect our children and stop bad actors in their tracks.

The TEACH Act would take money from the Education Secretary's slush fund, over \$27.5 million, and use that

money to provide defensive training programs designed to protect schools and our most precious asset, our children.

There are untold numbers of humble, patriotic men and women serving in our schools who would take steps to protect our children. The Teachers Empowered Against Classroom Harm Act, the TEACH Act, would help make our students, our educators, and our classrooms safer.

CELEBRATING AMERICAN LIBRARIES WEEK

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of American Libraries Week.

This is a perfect time to thank our local libraries and the employees who keep them open to the public to ensure access to reading and learning.

While extreme MAGA Republicans are banning books and bashing librarians, House Democrats are protecting and recognizing their public libraries. We are putting people over politics. That is why I am proud to honor my local library, the Houston Public Library.

Mr. Speaker, they have announced that with local support, our library will no longer charge late fees on overdue books or other borrowed items. This is one of the many efforts that they are making to make sure that libraries are more accessible.

In honor of public libraries, I am reintroducing my bill, the More Social Workers in Libraries Act, today. Public libraries are vital community hubs, and this bill will reinforce America's social worker talent pipeline by creating a paid social worker internship in public libraries across the Nation.

Libraries are for learning. They are for seeking resources and finding job opportunities. We need to lift them up and not bash them.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF KEN POTTS

(Mr. CURTIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise with a profound sense of reverence and humility to honor the legacy of a true American hero, Mr. Ken Potts.

Mr. Potts was one of the last two USS *Arizona* survivors who recently passed away at 102.

On the morning of December 7, 1941, Ken Potts answered the call of duty. As a crane operator, Mr. Potts had the responsibility of ferrying supplies to the USS *Arizona*. Upon reaching the harbor, he was confronted with a scene of devastation.

Mr. Potts stood as a beacon of hope. With dauntless courage, he wielded his crane as an instrument of salvation,

plucking survivors from the jaws of peril and guiding them to the sanctuary off Ford Island.

To the Potts family, and especially Doris, Ken's beloved wife, our hearts are with you as you honor his memory today in this esteemed Chamber.

I am profoundly privileged to pay homage to the indomitable spirit of Ken Potts.

ADOPTIVE PARENTS ARE REAL PARENTS

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud adoptee, a son with two loving parents who provided me with all the love and support a child could ever ask for.

Yet, I heard in this Chamber a few days ago someone saying my parents aren't real parents.

Let me be clear: I am their child. They are my parents. For bigoted, closed-minded reasons, certain folks have decided that people who adopt their children are lesser than.

Make no mistake, whether you adopted your child, had biological children, or found your chosen family in some other way, you are a parent.

Because I haven't seen any of my Republican colleagues in this Chamber condemn these disgusting comments, I hope that they don't also agree with it because I won't allow anyone in this Chamber to disrespect my family or yours.

Directly to the people who have opened up their hearts and homes to children ready for their embrace, don't let anyone ever diminish who you are. You are real parents, a parent and nothing less.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members to direct their remarks to the Chair.

HONORING NATIONAL PARK WEEK

(Mr. CISCOMANI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Park Week to highlight my bill, the Chiricahua National Park Act.

From the Grand Canyon to the Petrified Forest and the Saguaro National Park, Arizona is lucky to have some of the most stunning parks in the world.

In our own district, Chiricahua National Monument has drawn visitors from around the country and across the globe for almost 100 years.

The Wonderland of Rocks showcases the unique beauty of our region through 12,000 acres of towering geological structures, 25 campsites, and over 17 miles of hiking trails.

Local communities and leaders from both sides of the aisle have advocated for years to give this beloved landmark the national park designation it deserves. It is my honor to renew this long-awaited effort.

Establishing Chiricahua National Park would create a profound impact on Cochise County by enhancing tourism, boosting the local economy, and fueling opportunity at no additional cost. It is time to make this dream a reality and upgrade Chiricahua.

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RECOGNIZING WORLD AUTISM MONTH

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize World Autism Month and the efforts of north central Pennsylvanians in supporting those with autism.

In America today, 1 in 36 children will be diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder beginning in their first years of life. Although several factors may influence the development of autism, each person with an autism diagnosis requires unique support.

In Clarion and Venango Counties, Autism Tough Foundation works to raise awareness and support for autism through numerous sensory-free events each year. This month, more than 100 students at Keystone High School joined Autism Tough Foundation to raise awareness in their first Walk for Autism.

Meanwhile, neighboring Potter County is one of the first in Pennsylvania to equip county agencies with sensory kits to aid in communication and expressive language. Potter County is also home to Jasmine Floof, a service dog who specializes in assisting those with autism focus their attention and manage anxiety when accessing county services.

This World Autism Month, I commend Potter County and Autism Tough Foundation for leading the State in supporting people with autism in their everyday lives.

DISAPPROVING THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE RELATING TO "PROCEDURES COVERING SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION, DUTIES AND ESTIMATED DUTIES IN ACCORD WITH PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION 10414"

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 327, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 39) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Commerce relating to "Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties in Accord With Presidential Proclamation 10414", and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 327, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 39

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Department of Commerce relating to "Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties in Accord With Presidential Proclamation 10414" (87 Fed. Reg. 56868), and such rule shall have no force or effect.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The joint resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SMITH).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and submit extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, today, we take a bipartisan step toward holding China accountable for its trade abuses.

These trade abuses are well known to all of us in this Chamber. Most recently, this past December, President Biden's Department of Commerce found that China is circumventing tariffs on imports into the U.S. by shipping solar products through, not one country, not two countries, not even three countries, but in fact, four countries in Southeast Asia.

These tariffs were put in place by President Obama since 2012 to provide a level playing field for American manufacturers who were facing unfair competition in the U.S. market from solar products that China was subsidizing and selling at unfairly low prices. By circumventing these tariffs by shipping its products through Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam, China has set up a solar panel export scheme that cheats American workers and consumers.

So we know there is wrongdoing going on. We know China is cheating. That is precisely why Members from both parties were stunned and disappointed when the White House made the misguided decision to halt for 2 years additional tariffs on Chinese solar products being sent through these four countries.

At a time when China has a dominant position in solar production, despite longstanding American innovation in this sector, should we really be

telling the world that there will be less accountability for unfair trade practices?

The answer is not just no. Mr. Speaker, it is absolutely no.

But the President's proclamation to halt any new countervailing duties and tariffs does just that. What is worse, it establishes a lesser standard of accountability for China than the rest of the world.

The legislation before us today, H.J. Res. 39, Congressional Review Act legislation on solar tariffs, will stop President Biden's proclamation that has given a free pass for 2 years to unfair solar imports from China that circumvent our trade laws.

The United States must maintain crucial protections for American workers and our economy as a whole. We cannot surrender to China or any other country and put American workers at a disadvantage.

This resolution has bipartisan support. I thank Representative POSEY for leading this initiative, and Committee on Ways and Means members DAN KILDEE of Michigan, GREG MURPHY of North Carolina, BILL PASCRELL of New Jersey, NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS of New York, and CLAUDIA TENNEY of New York. The fact that Democrats and Republicans on our committee are original cosponsors of this resolution shows just how bipartisan the issue is.

We have to confront the Chinese Communist Party's bad behavior. We have to hold it accountable.

Mr. Speaker, I urge votes in favor of this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in opposition to this resolution.

My Republican friends continue to be in a state of denial of the climate crisis, the real and urgent sense that we have now.

Last month, in Houston, I had an opportunity to meet with two dozen leaders of the renewable energy sector. They weren't concerned about rolling back the things that we have done. They want to accelerate it.

The chairman and my Republican colleagues have spoken at length about the importance of increasing accountability for China's unfair trade practices and maintaining protections for American workers.

It is interesting, though, that these same individuals voted against Democratic provisions to strengthen our antidumping and circumvention laws and reauthorize the Trade Adjustment Assistance in the America COMPETES Act.

They all voted against the Inflation Reduction Act's provision to incentivize clean energy domestic manufacturing. In fact, 2 days ago, they voted to repeal these provisions.

This resolution would undermine America's hard-fought wins in the Inflation Reduction Act.

There are problems. No doubt, the Chinese are likely cheating.

President Biden struck the right balance by instituting a temporary freeze on these solar tariffs. This approach is how we fix the long-term problem.

Importantly, he has said that he does not intend to extend the freeze beyond June 2024 and that he will veto this resolution if it gets to his desk.

My friends on the other side of the aisle are concerned about working men and women. I would point out that the President's position is consistent with the leaders in organized labor from IBEW, from LIUNA, the Carpenters, and the Operating Engineers, people who represent these hardworking Americans, as well as organizations in the environmental community and the National Taxpayers Union.

This is a 2-year bridge that gives the solar industry the time needed to reorient supply chains away from China and produce panels domestically. We can't do that overnight, but we are committed to making that change.

For too long, the United States has lacked a cohesive renewable energy manufacturing policy. As a result, we have outsourced far too much of our production.

In 2021, there were only 7 gigawatts of domestic manufacturing capacity. That is the reality. But the Inflation Reduction Act marks a significant departure from those flawed policies of the past. This legislation bakes in domestic content bonuses in clean energy credits to incentivize the industry to onshore production. But that takes time. It also revives the advanced manufacturing credit and creates a new manufacturing production tax credit.

The Inflation Reduction Act has already led to the announcement of more than 45 gigawatts of domestic solar manufacturing capacity. Again, my Republican colleagues voted to repeal all of those incentives just 2 days ago.

Ending the President's temporary initiative here would immediately institute high, retroactive tariffs in the hundreds of percent that would hurt solar development, increase energy costs, and lead to a supply reduction at exactly the moment when the climate crisis means that we need to ramp it up.

Many of us in Congress worked for years to achieve the policy victories contained in the Inflation Reduction Act.

The clean energy tax credits are projected to reduce carbon emissions 40 percent by 2030, giving us a legitimate chance to meet the goals contained in the Paris climate agreement. We should resist these efforts to undermine this hard-won victory for America.

I would encourage my colleagues to take a hard look at the legislation and then reject it when it comes before us for a vote.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to highlight another member of the House Committee on Ways and Means that is a cosponsor and a supporter of this resolution, Ms. TERRI SEWELL from Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter from the Auxin Solar founder and CEO thanking Speaker MCCARTHY and House Republicans for bringing this resolution to the House floor. Auxin is a small California company with 37 full-time employees that filed a petition last year asking the Department of Commerce to investigate whether Chinese firms were circumventing existing tariffs. Auxin strongly supports this resolution so that the company and its workers can get relief from unfair Chinese competition and end what it calls the get-out-of-jail-free card that President Biden gave to duty evaders.

AUXIN SOLAR,
San Jose, CA, April 27, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I'm writing to you on behalf of myself, my business partner Sherry Tai, the 37 full-time employees of Auxin Solar, and our families to thank you for bringing to the floor for a vote H.J. Res.39, the Congressional Review Act resolution.

By just bringing this resolution to the floor for a vote, you are sending a strong signal that the United States Congress will stand up against the Chinese Communist Party and their unfair trade practices on behalf of American manufacturers and our workers. More importantly, when we see Congress vote on this resolution, you will be giving me and Sherry the strength to continue our fight against unfairly traded solar imports and the confidence to continue to reinvest our personal finances into making Auxin Solar a leader in U.S. solar manufacturing.

Sherry and I co-founded Auxin Solar in 2008 and, since that time, we have been providing high-paying jobs to our employees in Silicon Valley, California. In 2008, we forecasted that solar cells and solar modules would eventually become commodity products that could compete on a cost basis with traditional energy sources. That has come true. Solar deployment is reaching year-over-year all-time highs because of the cost parity with traditional energy sources. With our low overhead, competitive costs, and high employee retention rates, we should have been printing money in a growing demand environment. But what we didn't forecast when we started Auxin Solar was the anticompetitive behavior of China and the success that China would have in dominating the solar supply chain.

In the early 2010s, China was so far behind the United States in solar technology and know-how. To catch up, CCP agents stole our intellectual property. Then the CCP used draconian duties to effectively prohibit U.S. polysilicon companies from selling into the Chinese market. When the U.S. imposed duties to offset predatory pricing in solar, China used its industrial policies to assist major Chinese CCP-connected solar companies in their move out of China to circumvent U.S. trade laws. It took just ten years but now, China dominates the entire solar supply chain. They use forced labor practices to mine polysilicon. They use coal-fired energy to power ingot and wafer-making. And they use Southeast Asia as screw-driver operations to circumvent trade laws.

In the face of predatory Chinese pricing in the United States, and when our domestic

competitors closed, Auxin continued to operate. Sadly, what we've learned in the last five years is that the trade remedy laws are not designed for medium-sized enterprises like Auxin. Take for example what happened during the initial solar safeguard. Although demand continued to grow with duties in place in 2018, major energy companies complained and lobbied to attain an exclusion for bifacial panels. Bifacial panels are solar modules that generate electricity using both sides of the panel. Since 2016—well before the safeguard even started—Auxin Solar was one of the only companies to produce bifacial panels in America. Our bifacial panels were used in major utility-scale projects in Lumberton, New Jersey and by Georgia Power at the Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia. They were also used in Columbus, Ohio on the largest ever commercial rooftop solar array ever installed. Since an exclusion for bifacial panels was granted, bifacial panel pricing premiums collapsed and bifacials quickly became the majority of imports. In fact, just to avoid duties, companies will go so far as to put bifacial panels on residential homes even though only one side of the panel is used. This is done simply to avoid duties and has the direct result of undermining Auxin's business.

The same thing happened again when Auxin tried to stand up and combat the surge in panels from Southeast Asia, which consist almost entirely of Chinese content. Had these exact same panels come directly from China, they would have been subject to duties put in place by the U.S. International Trade Commission. Although others in the domestic industry wanted this circumvention loophole closed, we were the only ones willing to publicly put our name on a filing. We were immediately subjected to online harassment, cyber intrusion, and attempted physical break-ins to our facility. Our stellar Google reviews, which we use to pitch to potential employees, became single star reviews accompanied by hateful language. A website called "ExposeAuxin.com" was created to spread lies and disinformation about us.

Against it all, we continued to have faith that the Commerce Department's quasi-judicial process would work to instill price discipline in the market and close the duty evasion loophole. But President Biden mistakenly intervened in our circumvention case because of a loud misinformation campaign lead by Chinese special interests. The resulting tariff-free holiday for all imports from Southeast Asia is bad policy because it acts as a "get out of jail free" card to duty evaders and sends a signal to law-abiding importers that it doesn't pay to follow the law and pay a fair price for a solar panel.

Today at Auxin Solar, we're operating at a fraction of our capacity utilization because of the concerted effort to silence us and scare us into withdrawing our trade fight. Our ability to raise capital, hire new employees for expansion, and secure new sales opportunities continue to be hampered. Sherry and I are first generation immigrants. We are a minority- and woman-owned medium sized business. When politicians talk about how Washington should work better for middleclass Americans, the "tariff holiday" does not do that. Instead, it provides a windfall for Wall Street and doesn't give a fighting chance to American workers to compete against Chinese solar.

On broad policy, we must counteract the Chinese dominance of the solar supply chain for our energy security. We should be asking ourselves whether we want the Chinese Communist Party to control our electricity grid. We should be asking ourselves if the Chinese Communist Party will stifle our ability to meet our carbon-neutral goals by imposing

export restraints on key technology or halting sales of solar to the U.S. And we should be asking if we are okay with meeting our carbon objectives on the back of forced labor, from massive expansions in coal-fired power plants, and from intellectual property theft. I've been in the solar business for 15 years and solar deployment is good for business. But there are bigger issues here than quarterly profits and investor returns. This is why I strongly support your creation of the bipartisan Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party, which should continue to shed light on these issues for the American people to understand.

At Auxin Solar we've withstood Chinese predatory behavior for 15 years. I refuse to let the Chinese prevail and put Auxin Solar out of business. Right now we're in the midst of a major capacity expansion at Auxin Solar funded by me, Sherry, and our families. Once we have our expansion online, we would be pleased to welcome you to visit so that we can thank you in person for bringing H.J. Res. 39 to the floor for an up-or-down vote.

Sincerely,

MAMUN RASHID, CEO.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MURPHY).

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.J. Res. 39.

We are here today because the Biden administration is hell-bent on making the United States energy dependent upon China. They are hell-bent on signing this Nation's death warrant. In pursuit of everything green, the Biden administration has given a free pass for Chinese solar imports to flow into this country by all means, using an emergency proclamation.

The last time a President used an emergency proclamation was for lumber in 1946 when American World War II veterans were returning home and needed homes.

Today, Mr. Biden, or whoever is running the White House, is using it to waive tariffs on Chinese solar panels coming through Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam for 2 years.

Helping war heroes is an emergency, but speeding up total dependence on our greatest adversary is another. It is an absolute abuse of executive power. It is helping our greatest adversary take control of this country.

Why on God's green Earth are we handing this Nation's keys to the nation of China?

Chinese producers and the CCP are taking advantage of this system to circumnavigate the tariffs. They are cheating. Don't just take my word. Take the President's own Department of Commerce who determined that this would happen, even before President Biden did his emergency proclamation.

This is simply un-American and a crystal clear abuse of emergency power by this American President.

We need to prioritize American manufacturing, not Chinese manufacturing. We need to produce the energy here in the United States, not handing this to China, our greatest adversary.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, H.J. Res. 39.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a statement

from the carpenters union and operating engineers union, who oppose legislation that eliminates thousands of jobs; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and LIUNA.

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UBC Contact: Jen McKernan

CARPENTERS AND OPERATING ENGINEERS UNIONS OPPOSE LEGISLATION THAT ELIMINATES THOUSANDS OF JOBS

WASHINGTON, DC.—The following statement was issued today by James T. Callahan, General President of the International Union of Operating Engineers, and Douglas J. McCarron, General President of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, regarding their unions' opposition to legislation that will eliminate thousands of American jobs:

Last year, the Department of Commerce opened a circumvention inquiry, alleging that four Southeast Asian countries were circumventing tariffs and duties on solar cells and modules from the People's Republic of China. The inquiry generated massive uncertainty in the domestic solar market by suggesting possible retroactive tariffs as high as 250 percent. This threat resulted in a drop of 20 percent fewer solar construction and installation jobs across the United States.

President Biden took action to preserve these jobs, issuing Emergency Proclamation 10414 to prevent tariffs on any solar module and cell imports from the four countries until June 2024. House Joint Resolution 39 will repeal the President's Proclamation and eliminate thousands of jobs in the American solar industry.

"Repealing President Biden's Proclamation will result in retroactive duties and tariffs that would jeopardize 30,000 construction and 4,000 manufacturing jobs," said James T. Callahan, General President of the International Union of Operating Engineers. "We are not prepared to stand by and let some partisan dispute eliminate Operating Engineers' jobs and slow the deployment of clean energy."

"The President's Proclamation saves Carpenters' jobs and smooths the development of the domestic solar manufacturing industry. Today, we're seeing the American manufacturing sector respond to incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act and develop home-grown solar modules," said Carpenters Union General President Douglas J. McCarron. "Now is not the time to disrupt the solar industry and layoff thousands of union workers just as we're getting a foothold in the burgeoning solar business."

The International Union of Operating Engineers and United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners urge Congress and members of the Ways and Means Committee to vote against House Joint Resolution 39, which will repeal the administration's Proclamation and eliminate thousands of union jobs, slow the deployment of renewable energy, and generate unnecessary greenhouse gases.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD
OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS,
Washington, DC, April 26, 2023.

To: All Members of the United States House of Representatives.

Re House Joint Resolution 39.

DEAR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE: On behalf of the 775,000 active members and retirees of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), I write to share the IBEW's opposition to H.J. Res. 39, the joint resolution of disapproval regarding President Biden's two-year suspension of certain tariffs on solar imports that is expected to soon

come before the committee for consideration.

The IBEW represents tens of thousands of workers who make their living installing and maintaining solar generation. This includes large, utility-scale solar developments that are currently providing significant amounts of emission-free power to schools, hospitals, and homes in the United States. The IBEW also represents over 30,000 workers in the manufacturing sector, making the supply chains that move the economy. IBEW members have been intimately involved in the development and deployment of solar power in the United States since its infancy.

H.J. Res. 39 would nullify Proclamation 10414, a carefully crafted compromise to give the Department of Commerce authority to provide a two-year pause, from June 6, 2022, to June 6, 2024, on potential anti-circumvention duties on solar panels being imported from Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia. The Biden Administration made this compromise in order to provide market certainty to allow U.S. companies to continue deploying solar panels while providing a bridge to strengthening the domestic U.S. solar polysilicon photovoltaic supply chain.

For far too long, China has participated in unfair trade practices and human rights violations that deeply undercut the U.S. solar manufacturing industry. The U.S. Congress responded by writing key provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act, including the 45X Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit and 48C Advanced Manufacturing Tax Credit, which are providing the necessary market signals to solar manufacturers to invest in America. These provisions, along with the two-year bridge created under Proclamation 10414, are making a real difference today and will create tens of thousands of union jobs and help spur the kind of domestic production of PV solar wafers, cells, and panels needed to lessen America's reliance on supply chains from abroad.

Yet even the most significant investments cannot recreate an industry overnight. With one year left in the Biden administration's two-year pause on certain solar tariffs, the IBEW has already seen the Inflation Reduction Act's benefits, including more than 45 gigawatts in announced solar manufacturing capacity since the law's passage. H.J. Res. 39 is a backward-looking resolution looking to reopen a settled matter rather than create solutions. The IBEW has and will continue to support congressional action that will lower energy costs, strengthen the power grid, and create good-paying union jobs. Moreover, at this time, IBEW does not support an extension of the two-year pause on imposing anti-circumvention duties on Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Cambodia.

On behalf of the IBEW, I urge you to oppose H.J. Res. 39 when it is considered before the House. Please contact Government Affairs Department Director Danielle Eckert if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

KENNETH W. COOPER,
International President.

LIUNA,
Washington, DC, April 19, 2023.

Hon. JASON SMITH,
Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means, Washington, DC.

Hon. RICHARD NEAL,
Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SMITH AND RANKING MEMBER NEAL: On behalf of the 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I write in opposition to the Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution regarding solar panel manufacturing. This resolution will have a harmful

and disruptive impact on our members' jobs within the solar industry.

Our nation's energy industry directly employs tens of thousands of LIUNA members across the country. These jobs span across all sectors of energy production including, natural gas, nuclear, hydro, and renewables. By way of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), The Biden Administration has brought good-paying union construction jobs into the renewable industry. Because of this, our members have seen a significant and rapid growth within the renewables sector, in particular the solar industry. These jobs are finally good jobs, with family-supporting wages and benefits.

Repealing President Biden's moratorium, however, will bring several solar construction sites to a halt, leaving our members without a paycheck. We recognize that the Department of Commerce's investigation found some solar panel producers committing trade violations. Of course, in time, this will need to be addressed.

This CRA resolution comes at a time when our nation is looking to bolster its wind and solar industry, steering away from more harmful energy sources. Our union has never seen this much solar construction work, and future construction work already on the books, within the renewable energy industry, and it is now all at risk if the CRA is passed.

I urge you to oppose the Congressional Review Act being marked up today in committee.

With kind regards, I am,
Sincerely yours,

TERRY O'SULLIVAN,
General President.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DOGGETT).

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, "Here Comes the Sun." It is more than a great tune. It is about a great renewable future, but our Republican colleagues refuse to see through the dark smoke of fossil fuels and fossilized thinking. They just blindly follow Trump at every opportunity to try to reduce progress on addressing the very real climate crisis.

President Biden is both enforcing our trade laws and maintaining our commitment for more solar power by giving American companies a reasonable time to adjust their supply chains away from China and without an unreasonable disruption of installing more solar panels all across this country.

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This temporary tariff pause ends in only about a year. That is just not soon enough for those who are determined to disrupt our move to a clean energy future. I must say, this is a truly anti-business move because it penalizes companies that have relied in good faith on the President's order. It also, as my colleague from Oregon has just shown, will kill a number of good-paying union jobs across this country.

Despite ice mass in Greenland and Antarctica melting at an average of about 420 billion tons every year, already raising sea levels in the Gulf of Mexico, Republican opposition in fighting climate change remains frozen in the past.

Trading fossil fuel and fossil power for the power of the Sun by getting as

many solar panels as soon as possible is one way that more and more American families and American businesses can make their contribution to their own lower energy bills. It can help us respond to the climate crisis that is already engulfing America with wildfires and intensified weather, like tornadoes and floods and droughts in different places, and, of course, hotter and hotter and hotter temperatures.

At this dawn of a new clean energy era, now is not the time to eclipse solar. In Texas, we are already number two in the country among the States for solar capacity, creating thousands of new jobs and providing clean energy and lower energy bills to thousands of families. Austinites know that solar power saves them on their energy bills and saves them when storms disrupt the grid.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will see the light and see the power of solar and join us in voting "no" on this misguided proposal.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. POSEY), the original sponsor of this resolution.

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman SMITH for yielding.

Today, we are considering a historic bipartisan resolution to support American solar manufacturers and workers and hold the Chinese Communist Party accountable for dodging our trade laws.

H.J. Res. 39 will undo a Biden administration's rule that allowed Chinese solar manufacturers who use forced labor to dodge American trade laws and dump inferior product on the United States.

They are doing this by slapping a new label on their products and exporting them to third-party countries like Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The Department of Commerce, in a preliminary investigation, concluded that the Chinese solar companies are, in fact, sending their products through these four southeast Asian countries to avoid paying a higher tariff.

If left in place, this rule will benefit the Chinese Communist Party. Make no mistake about that. They are not our friends; they are an enemy. This will be at the detriment of American companies and workers.

Unfortunately, some believe we must tolerate China's bad decisions and remain dependent on adversarial nations to create renewable energy. That is a false choice, so says the AFL-CIO.

The United States can and should focus its resources into developing our own solar products and boosting American competitiveness around the world, rather than supporting China's quest to dominate the market and control energy supply.

This bipartisan resolution is a critical step to hold the Chinese Communist Party accountable for everything from their human rights abuses to their unfair trade practices, all the while protecting American solar manufacturers and workers.

Why not be an exporter of great American products rather than an importer of cheap Chinese products?

For those who say they are clean energy advocates, I would like to remind them that their Chinese solar panels are built without any environmental protection or controls whatsoever. American solar panels have environmental protection requirements.

Most are aware, and I hope everyone in this Chamber is for sure aware, that through economic dominance, China hopes to achieve military superiority. We need to stop helping China do that.

How good is this resolution?

As if the facts are not clear enough already, keep this in mind: This is a policy that President Obama and President Trump both agreed on. I know that is hard to believe, but you heard that right. It is a policy that President Obama and President Trump both agreed on.

Additionally, we shouldn't sacrifice the Uyghur people at the altar of convenience.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting America and H.J. Res. 39.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my colleagues' newfound concern for the environment and for the industry.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD correspondence from the solar industry in the United States opposing their resolution and supporting our position.

Re: Please Oppose Retroactive Duties and Protect American Clean Energy Jobs and Investment With a "No" Vote on the Auxin CRA (H.J. Res. 39/S.J. Res. 15).

We are writing to respectfully ask that you oppose H.J. Res. 39/S.J. Res. 15. Enactment of this resolution would impose over \$1 billion in retroactive duty liability, increase energy costs for consumers, cost thousands of American jobs, and hamstring efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Last year, a single company filed anti-circumvention petitions with the Department of Commerce (Commerce). The threat of duties ranging from 50 percent–250 percent on solar panels and cells from Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Cambodia called for in the petitions abruptly froze solar supply chains. A significant number of domestic solar projects experienced cancellations or delays as a result.

To address this disruption, after Commerce accepted the petitions and initiated a set of investigations, President Biden issued an emergency declaration that included a temporary 2-year pause on potential duties arising from the investigations. This pause allowed planned solar projects to move forward while the investigations proceeded.

American stakeholders subsequently relied on Commerce's regulations to make significant business and economic decisions. Nullifying Commerce's rulemaking as provided for in H.J. Res. 39/S.J. Res. 15 would penalize companies, acting in accordance with the law, by imposing large (up to 254 percent), unanticipated retroactive duty liability for these stakeholders—back to April 1, 2022. Going back on this federal commitment would create a chilling effect on American business, setting a terrible precedent that undermines America's competitiveness in the global marketplace.

Passing H.J. Res. 39/S.J. Res. 15 would also stall or cancel planned solar projects, eliminate 30,000 jobs, including 4,000 manufacturing jobs, and \$4.2 billion of investment in domestic solar projects. 4GW of planned solar projects representing roughly 14 percent of the industry's anticipated deployment in 2023 would be cancelled. This in turn would increase CO₂ emissions by 24 million metric tons.

American businesses need certainty and a bridge to domestic manufacturing. Right now, only about one-third of U.S. demand for solar panels (including both crystalline silicon and thin film photovoltaic panels) can be met with domestic production, and domestic manufacturers are sold out for the next 2–3 years. It is our preference to source solar panels domestically, and we are heartened by the rapid expansion of domestic solar manufacturing that is currently occurring. However, ramping up this production capacity across the solar supply chain will take time, and the temporary 2-year duty pause provides a necessary bridge to the point where domestic production capacity is more capable of meeting demand.

For these reasons, and to avoid needless disruption in the solar marketplace, we respectfully ask that you oppose H.J. Res. 39/S.J. Res. 15. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Solar Energy Industries Association;
American Clean Power; American Council on Renewable Energy; Edison Electric Institute; E2; Silicon Valley Leadership Group; Clean Energy Buyers Association; Advanced Energy United; Coalition for Community Solar Access.

SOLAR ENERGY INDUSTRIES

ASSOCIATION,

Washington, DC, April 17, 2023.

Hon. JASON SMITH,
Chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means, Washington, DC.

Hon. RICHARD NEAL,
Ranking Democratic Member, House Committee on Ways and Means, Washington, DC.

Re H.J. Res. 39, a resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Commerce relating to "Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties in Accord With Presidential Proclamation 10414."

DEAR CHAIRMAN SMITH AND RANKING MEMBER NEAL: I am writing to you on behalf of the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), the national trade association for the U.S. solar industry. On behalf of the 250,000 American workers employed by the solar industry, I wanted to share our perspective in advance of the Ways and Means Committee's consideration of H.J. Res. 39.

Barring a major departure from the new regime governing circumvention outlined in Commerce's preliminary determination on December 8, 2022, SEIA does not plan to advocate for an extension of the 2-year duty pause beyond its current expiration on June 6, 2024. However, nullifying the Department of Commerce (Commerce) rulemaking that provided the 2-year duty pause would punish businesses who acted in good faith and complied with existing law with over \$1 billion in retroactive duties and undercut the rapidly accelerating expansion of domestic solar manufacturing capacity that will onshore the industry's supply chains over the next few years.

BACKGROUND

On February 8, 2022, a single company filed anti-circumvention petitions with Commerce that caused havoc in the U.S. solar industry. The threat of retroactive duties ranging from 50–250 percent on solar panels and cells

from Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Cambodia called for in the petitions abruptly froze the industry's supply chains. Industry surveys indicated that 75 percent of domestic solar projects experienced cancellations or delays as a result. This significantly contributed to the drop in solar deployment in 2022 compared to the previous year.

To address this issue and provide time for additional domestic solar production to come online, President Biden issued Proclamation 10414 on June 6, 2022, declaring an emergency and authorization for temporary extensions of time and duty-free importation of solar cells and modules from Southeast Asia. The proclamation gave Commerce authority to issue regulations providing a 2-year pause from June 6, 2022, through June 6, 2024, on potential duties arising from these petitions while the investigations proceeded. Commerce posted the regulations in the Federal Register on September 16, 2022.

IMPACT OF H.J. RES. 39

H.J. Res. 39 would nullify the Commerce rulemaking that domestic stakeholders relied upon to make significant business and economic decisions. Since Commerce regulations provide that duty liability attaches upon initiation of a circumvention inquiry, enactment of H.J. Res. 39 would subject stakeholders to over \$1 billion in duties retroactive to April 1, 2022.

This abrupt and retroactive change in policy would eliminate 30,000 good-paying U.S. jobs—including 4,000 manufacturing jobs—and \$4.2 billion in domestic investment. 4 GW of solar projects would be cancelled, which would in turn increase CO₂ emissions by 42 million metric tons.

TEMPORARY DUTY PAUSE PROVIDES BRIDGE TO DOMESTIC SOLAR MANUFACTURING

Domestic solar manufacturing capacity is rapidly expanding. In 2021, the U.S. had the capacity to manufacture up to 7GW per year of solar panels, or enough to meet roughly one-third of total domestic demand. The U.S. solar industry prefers to source equipment domestically and has put forward an aggressive yet achievable roadmap to reach 50GW of domestic solar manufacturing capacity by 2030. As an industry, solar is diligently working to onshore its supply chains.

A major transition is underway. The Department of Energy National Renewable Energy Laboratory's tracking of initial public announcements shows forthcoming panel manufacturing capacity totaling 42GW—on track to meet the industry's 50 GW by 2030 goal. However, building out manufacturing facilities and all the technology necessary to fully supply the solar industry will take time.

H.J. Res. 39 would unfortunately undermine this progress. Placing retroactive duties on solar cells, an essential component of a solar panel for which there is currently no domestic production, directly undercuts efforts to ramp up domestic solar panel manufacturing.

The 2-year duty pause from June 6, 2022, through June 6, 2024, is a temporary measure that provides a bridge to the point that domestic manufacturing is more capable of meeting domestic demand. This policy is working, and our reliance on foreign supply chains will lessen as more domestic production capacity comes online. Barring a major departure from the new regime governing circumvention outlined in Commerce's preliminary determination, SEIA does not plan to advocate for an extension of the 2-year duty pause beyond its current expiration on June 6, 2024.

CONCLUSION

I appreciate the opportunity to share the U.S. solar industry's perspective and con-

cerns with H.J. Res. 39. Many thanks in advance for your consideration, and I would be happy to visit with you in greater detail about this issue.

Sincerely,

ABIGAIL ROSS HOPPER, Esq.,

President & CEO,

Solar Energy Industries Association.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMPSON), who played an instrumental role in crafting many of these energy provisions. I love the partnership with him.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his leadership and yielding me the extra time to speak.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I share my colleagues' goal of ensuring that our trade laws are fairly enforced. I certainly share our collective goal promoting domestic manufacturing and jobs.

Let's be honest. The idea that our President wants to ship jobs to China and make us dependent on China for our energy, this may sound good, this political hyperbole may sound good, but it is flatout nonsense.

If this legislation were to become law, it would cost, not create, American jobs. In the long run, it would make it harder, not easier, for our country to become energy independent.

This bill would make it impossible to deploy solar energy quickly enough here in our country, here in the United States of America. It would undercut the climate change investments in the Inflation Reduction Act; the biggest investment in fighting climate change and creating green jobs in our history.

This is an investment that we need. We have already heard from numerous speakers on the impact that we have felt from climate change: fires, floods, drought, and an increase in agricultural pests. This is at a point where we need to deploy everything we can to make sure we address the issue of climate change.

We all want solar products manufactured right here at home. That will happen. But in the short run, our domestic industry can't increase production fast enough to meet our demand or meet our climate goals.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an article from Politico called "Trio of Democratic senators back resolution to undue Biden's solar tariff pause."

[From POLITICO PRO, Apr. 26, 2023]

TRIO OF DEMOCRATIC SENATORS BACK RESOLUTION TO UNDO BIDEN'S SOLAR TARIFF PAUSE

(By Kelsey Tamborriño)

Three Democratic senators said Wednesday they'd vote to rescind President Joe Biden's two-year pause on new solar import tariffs from four Southeast Asian countries—raising the stakes on the measure that is set to force Democrats to weigh both trade and climate considerations.

Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) announced Wednesday that he'd sign on to the resolution, marking another rebuke of the Biden

administration's energy agenda from the West Virginia Democrat. Sens. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) separately also said Wednesday they'd support the measure should it get a vote on the Senate floor.

The House is poised to vote this week on the measure, which Biden has promised to veto should it reach his desk.

The resolution would undo the president's 24-month pause on new import tariffs on solar cells and modules from Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam following the start of a Commerce Department probe that roiled the solar industry.

Commerce released initial results in December that found companies were circumventing tariffs on Chinese solar equipment by routing them through the four nations. A final determination is expected next month.

Lawmakers, led by Reps. Dan Kildee (D-Mich.) and Bill Posey (R-Fla.) in the House and Rick Scott (R-Fla.) in the Senate, introduced a resolution to rescind the rule enacting Biden's two-year moratorium.

Manchin said Wednesday he would join the Senate resolution as a co-sponsor, Scott's office and a Manchin spokesperson confirmed.

While the Congressional Review Act resolution has bipartisan support in the House, it so far had only Republican cosponsors in the Senate.

"The United States relies on foreign nations, like China, for far too many of our energy needs, and failing to enforce our existing trade laws undermines the goals of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act to onshore our energy supply chains, including solar," Manchin said in a statement. "I cannot fathom why the Administration and Congress would consider extending that reliance any longer and am proud to join this CRA to rescind the rule."

Manchin on Wednesday also joined all 49 Republicans in support of a separate CRA resolution that would overturn EPA's recent rule limiting emissions of nitrogen oxides.

Wyden, the chair of the Finance Committee, told reporters that he too would vote in favor of the solar resolution, should it come to a vote on the floor.

"I have told the administration that over the 10-year period, when I was writing the clean energy bill, it was always about manufacturing. Red, white and blue. Got to get the jobs here," he said. "So I'm going to be supporting the manufacturing proposal."

Brown shortly after released a statement that he was in favor of the resolution.

"My whole career—I don't care what presidents think about this—I've taken on presidents of both parties, starting with Clinton on [North American Free Trade Agreement]. And when they're wrong on trade, it costs American jobs, and this is the right decision," he said in an interview.

The solar tariff resolution is expected to put Democrats in a tricky position, given supporters' argument that the resolution is meant to enforce U.S. trade laws and combat Chinese influence, while those opposing it argue it will undercut solar energy progress.

Brown and Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania previously called on the president to terminate the two-year suspension, and Casey told POLITICO last month that he was inclined to support the resolution should it come to the floor.

Democratic Sen. Jon Tester of Montana, who has previously voted to undo another Biden rule, told POLITICO he has not yet made a decision on the solar resolution.

The resolution advanced out of the House Ways and Means Committee last week with Democratic support and is poised for a floor vote later this week in the House.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, this article notes that three Demo-

cratic Senators, including the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator WYDEN, Senator MANCHIN from West Virginia, and Senator BROWN from Ohio, have publicly supported rescinding President Biden's action to pause tariffs on Chinese solar panels, even before the CRA has even passed the House.

Mr. Speaker, I understand that at least one more Democratic Senator has also expressed support. I thank my Democratic colleagues in the House and in the Senate for joining me in standing up for American workers by supporting consistent enforcement of our trade laws against China's unfair trade practices.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA).

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.J. Res. 39, a bipartisan joint resolution of which I am proud to be an original cosponsor.

We are a Nation of laws. It is not up to the President to determine which laws to enforce and which laws to ignore if they don't conform to that President's particular agenda.

If we allow Communist China to blatantly violate our trade laws with impunity, as the Commerce Department has concluded is occurring, how can we expect other nations to follow those laws and conduct business with us in a fair manner?

Those who oppose this joint resolution will say the imposition of these tariffs will handicap renewable projects across this country that rely on a continuous supply of solar panels and materials. I understand this concern, and I am not opposed to the deployment of more renewable energy projects.

However, I am opposed to the United States maintaining a supply chain reliant on Communist China and their forced slave labor. We should instead be working to build up our own solar manufacturing industry and send signals to the industry that the time to shorten supply chains is long past due. Unfortunately, these domestic companies operate at a disadvantage when Communist China gets to break the rules and undermine the markets with their cheap prices.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stand up for American workers and for American energy independence. Vote "yes" on H.J. Res. 39.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS).

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Oregon for his leadership and for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, solar energy is one form of electricity generation that is growing in the United States. Yet, we do not have the economy of scale in manufacturing solar systems to meet supply and demand for industry and consumers.

Solar energy accounts for 3.9 percent of total electricity generation in 2021

compared to 0.7 percent in 2014. Currently, domestic solar production is sold out for the next 2 to 3 years.

In order to continue to address China's unfair trading practices and allow America's solar industry to grow, President Biden's Presidential Proclamation 10414 declared an emergency with respect to U.S. electricity generation capacity by implementing a final rule that permits the importation of select sales on modules without the payment of antidumping and countervailing duty temporary for 24 months.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a statement from the Uyghur Human Rights Project in support of H.J. Res. 39.

UYGHUR HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT,

April 18, 2023.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE: I write in strong support of H.J. Res. 39. This bipartisan bill would repeal the Biden Administration's Solar Emergency Declaration, a harmful rule issued in June 2022 that protects Chinese solar manufacturers that the Department of Commerce has determined are illegally avoiding U.S. tariffs.

As you know, both the President Biden and President Trump administrations have determined that the government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) is committing genocide and crimes against humanity against the Uyghurs and other Turkic peoples, including state-imposed forced labor, mass forced sterilization, and mass enforced disappearance and arbitrary detention. The United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) found in its authoritative August 31, 2022 report (the "Bachelet Report") that the PRC is responsible for "serious human rights violations" that "may constitute crimes against humanity."

In response to the Uyghur human-rights crisis, the U.S. government has taken action to ban products made with forced labor from China, including solar equipment, among 100+ human-rights sanctions including export bans, investment bans, visa bans, and Global Magnitsky targeted human rights OFAC SDN designations. Under the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act, which came into force on June 21, 2022, no products are exempt from the "rebuttable presumption" that all products mined, grown, or manufactured in the Uyghur Region are banned under Section 307 of the U.S. Tariff Act. The law is applicable regardless of the needs of particular industries or the scarcity of alternative supplies.

No economic or environmental imperative can justify profits from the genocidal state-imposed forced labor of Uyghurs.

The reality is that the Chinese polysilicon and solar-component industries are highly dependent on mining and manufacturing in the Uyghur homeland, using central government subsidies and incentives, and under the auspices of the government of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

In our view, it is clear that an increase in solar imports from Chinese solar manufacturers—regardless of whether these imports are from China or Chinese controlled factories in Southeast Asia—directly supports the Chinese solar industry's use of Uyghur forced labor. According to government data, imports of solar cells and modules from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam have risen 69 percent since 2019.

It is unconscionable to believe that the U.S. should build a clean-energy future that

relies on products made under the combination of dirty coal plants and China's genocidal forced-labor inputs. As the AFL-CIO pointed out in a major statement in October 2021, the "solar industry and its entire value chain, should exemplify how the United States meets the climate, equity and economic challenges of the 21st century." It's a false choice to think we can achieve climate goals by abandoning our core values.

As H.J. Res. 39 comes before the Ways and Means Committee, we urge you to support this bipartisan, common-sense measure. It is indefensible to allow Chinese solar manufacturers that profit from Uyghur forced labor to be exempted from compliance with U.S. trade law.

LOUISA GREVE,
Director of Global Advocacy.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, the statement highlights the close connection between the CCP solar industry and the ongoing human rights abuses and forced labor being perpetrated against the Uyghurs. This is bipartisan consensus that these practices are unacceptable and must be stopped.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY).

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 39, critical legislation to undue to Biden administration's job-crushing solar policies.

Last year, an American solar manufacturer petitioned the Commerce Department to investigate whether China was circumventing tariffs on solar products by sneaking them through countries in southeast Asia.

Before that investigation even finished, President Biden issued a proclamation to allow the imports of unfairly traded solar products from China. Later, just as we expected, it was discovered by the Commerce Department that China was indeed violating U.S. trade laws.

President Biden's irresponsible proclamation is a slap in the face to American manufacturers. It allows Chinese solar companies to flood our market with their products tariff-free, hurting American jobs.

It is the Green New Deal agenda at work. President Biden's proclamation also sends the message to trade cheats everywhere that U.S. trade laws don't matter. This invites even more cheating.

This is only the tip of the spear of the dangerous Green New Deal agenda. A recent report from the Coalition for a Prosperous America revealed that the Chinese manufacturers could earn nearly \$125 billion, and that is with a b, in U.S. renewable energy tax credits as a result of the so-called Inflation Reduction Act.

This would be a specific boon to Chinese solar manufacturers on top of the massive giveaway given to China by President Biden's proclamation. We must stand with American manufacturers and jobs, not the Chinese Communist Party, and pass this crucial legislation.

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Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a statement

from the National Taxpayers Union opposing the proposal from our Republican friends to raise tariffs on solar goods.

[From NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION, Apr. 25, 2023]

NTU URGES ALL REPRESENTATIVES TO VOTE "NO" ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 39, CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT LEGISLATION ON SOLAR TARIFFS

Just weeks after the House of Representatives passed The Lower Energy Costs Act (H.R. 1), the House will consider a proposal to increase energy costs by raising tariffs on solar goods.

A proposed Congressional Review Act resolution, H.J. Res. 39, would nullify a two-year suspension of tariffs on certain solar panels from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, or Vietnam that use parts and components manufactured in China.

National Taxpayers Union (NTU) does not believe that Congress should increase energy costs via the Congressional Review Act.

The tariffs in question were initially imposed on Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells from the People's Republic of China in 2012. In 2022, in response to a request from Auxin Solar Inc., the Commerce Department determined that some of these duties were being circumvented through the inclusion of Chinese parts on goods imported from other countries.

NTU agrees with the House Ways and Means Committee that trade policy should protect the interests of American workers and our economy as a whole. However, the initial imposition of solar tariffs resulted from a flawed and biased system. The Commerce Department and U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) failed to utilize cost-benefit analysis to consider the impact of tariffs on the U.S. economy. Solar taxes were imposed without consideration of their impact on U.S. jobs, on the energy industry, on manufacturing, or on American households' energy bills.

A more fundamental question than whether foreign suppliers are attempting to circumvent solar tariffs is whether Congress should continue to allow the Commerce Department and USITC to impose tariffs on solar goods, tin mill products, fertilizer, and other goods without first considering the impact of such tariffs on all Americans, not just the industry seeking protection.

These tariffs would protect Auxin from import competition. Ironically, according to the federal National Renewable Energy Laboratory, as of 2019 most of the components and materials used by Auxin are imported. Earlier this year Auxin even asked the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to exclude certain Chinese-produced solar goods from Section 301 tariffs, writing: "Removing tariffs on junction boxes, solar glass, EVAs, and solar module assembly equipment would free up further resources to hasten the expansion of the U.S. solar value chain, ultimately yielding a more secure domestic solar supply chain."

At a time when many taxpayers are struggling with high energy prices—brought on, in part, by flawed government policies—Congress should not use the Congressional Review Act to increase taxes on American energy users. NTU urges you to reject H.J. Res. 39.

Roll call votes on H.J. Res. 39 will be included in NTU's annual Rating of Congress and a "NO" vote will be considered the pro-taxpayer position.

If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Riley, Director of NTU's Free Trade Initiative.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BEYER).

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I believe almost all of us are here to make America stronger, to serve the people who sent us here. This act will do exactly the opposite.

It will hurt the 33,000 American solar installers who will lose their jobs. It will raise energy costs for families everywhere, but especially in the Sun Belt. It will hurt all Americans who hope to use the solar tax credit.

It will hurt the energy companies, the businesses that built major solar installations in the last 8 months that will be subject to a retroactive tariff of 254 percent.

It will harm our endangered planet. It will handcuff us in our fight against climate change.

Mr. Speaker, the act will not help our growing domestic solar panel manufacturers that are already sold out till the end of the pause. It won't hurt China, which has abundant buyers in the rest of the world. This is the same China that ships a million packages a day duty-free to the United States because of our \$800 de minimis exception.

Mr. Speaker, this is an act that only creates losers. There are no winners. I urge my friends to vote "no."

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a press release from President Biden's Department of Commerce that states the Department determined in December 2022, after a thorough investigation, that Chinese solar companies are circumventing U.S. tariffs on solar products.

[From U.S. Department of Commerce, Dec. 2, 2022]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ISSUES PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF CIRCUMVENTION INQUIRIES OF SOLAR CELLS AND MODULES PRODUCED IN CHINA

(Office of Public Affairs)

Today, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced its preliminary determinations in the circumvention inquiries of solar cells and modules from the People's Republic of China (PRC). Commerce examined a complaint alleging that eight solar companies that manufacture solar cells and modules are manufactured the components in the PRC, then sending those cells and modules to Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and/or Vietnam for minor processing before being exported to the United States. Such actions amount to an effort to evade the existing antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on solar cells and modules from the PRC. Today's preliminary determination underscores Commerce's commitment to holding the PRC accountable for its trade distorting actions, which undermine American industries.

Under U.S. law, Commerce may conduct a circumvention inquiry when evidence suggests that merchandise subject to an existing AD/CVD order is completed or assembled in third countries from parts and components imported from the country subject to the order. AD/CVD orders are designed to provide relief to the U.S. domestic industries when they are facing unfair competition. Circumvention of these duties threatens to undermine American industries, workers, and businesses.

After a thorough, transparent, and data-driven investigation of eight companies across the four countries, Commerce preliminarily found that four of the eight companies

being investigated are attempting to bypass U.S. duties by doing minor processing in one of the Southeast Asian countries before shipping to the United States.

The preliminary findings are as follows:

Third Country, Company, Finding:

Cambodia: BYD Hong Kong, Circumventing; New East Solar, Not Circumventing. Malaysia: Hanwha, Not Circumventing; Jinko, Not Circumventing.

Thailand: Canadian Solar, Circumventing; Trina, Circumventing.

Vietnam: Boviet, Not Circumventing; Vina Solar, Circumventing.

Further, some companies in Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam did not respond to Commerce's request for information in this investigation, and consistent with longstanding practice, will be found to be circumventing.

Because Commerce preliminarily found that circumvention was occurring through each of the four Southeast Asian countries, Commerce is making a "country-wide" circumvention finding, which simply designates the country as one through which solar cells and modules are being circumvented from the PRC. This does not constitute a ban on imports from those countries. Companies in these countries will be permitted to certify that they are not circumventing the AD/CVD orders, in which case the circumvention findings will not apply. With regard to the companies under investigation that were not circumventing the AD/CVD duties, no action will be taken as long as their production process and supply chain do not change.

These findings are preliminary, and as a next step, Commerce will conduct in-person audits in the coming months to verify the information that was the basis of its finding. Furthermore, all parties will have an opportunity to comment on Commerce's finding, which Commerce will fully consider before issuing its final determination, which is currently scheduled for May 1, 2023.

Independent of Commerce's final determination, the Presidential Proclamation issued on June 6, 2022, provides that duties will not be collected on any solar module and cell imports from these four countries until June 2024, as long as the imports are consumed in the U.S. market within six months of the termination of the President's Proclamation. This provides U.S. solar importers with sufficient time to adjust supply chains and ensure that sourcing isn't occurring from companies found to be violating U.S. law. Solar cells made in one of the four Southeast Asian countries, even if made from wafers from China, that are then exported to a non-inquiry country and further assembled into modules or other products there, are not subject to Commerce's preliminary circumvention findings.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, the evidence is clear. Chinese companies have set up shop in Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam to get around U.S. tariffs that were put in place in 2012 by President Obama, yet the Biden administration is turning a blind eye on American workers and American manufacturers by waiving additional tariffs while it acknowledges cheating by Chinese companies.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. PANETTA).

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this resolution because American solar companies need the delay on solar tariffs so that they can

keep up with the American demand for clean energy.

If we repeal this delay with this CRA, the American solar industry could be hit with more than \$1 billion—with a b, billion—in retroactive duties, taxes that would cause cancellations and supply chain issues, stall solar deployment, and set us back on our clean energy goals.

Look, we have already seen, just with the threat of these tariffs, a 30 percent decrease in solar deployment last year. Of course, we want to strategically decouple from China, I believe especially with their solar pieces, parts, and equipment. However, American solar companies need more time to adapt, adjust, and reduce Chinese inputs in solar panels.

I also realize that we need to do more to bolster our domestic solar manufacturing, but that is why we recently made significant investments for domestic credits. However, if we allow these retroactive tariffs to take place now, it would deprive our solar industry of the incentive to invest in our manufacturing projects at home.

That is why we need this delay, and that is why this delay was the right call, not just by this administration but it is also the right call so the American solar industry can catch up to our domestic demands, so Americans can continue to speed up their solar deployment, and America can continue to step up when it comes to the continued success of our economy and the future of our sustainability.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I urge a "no" vote on this CRA.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. CHU).

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this resolution. Democrats successfully passed America's single largest investment in clean and renewable energy last year in the Inflation Reduction Act, which will quickly decarbonize our economy and shift manufacturing back here to the U.S. That includes production of solar panels that will be critical to the clean energy transition.

Last year, the Commerce Department made a thorough and data-driven determination that some companies in four Southeast Asian countries are circumventing U.S. tariffs on Chinese solar panels. Our trade policy requires balance, and the President's emergency order created a short-term bridge to secure the solar materials needed to protect jobs and meet our energy transition goods over the next year.

While the emergency order is not perfect, it is necessary to give solar projects in the pipeline enough time to come into full compliance with our trade laws.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a statement from the League of Conservation Voters, Natural Resources Defense Coun-

cil, Sierra Club, Climate Action Campaign, Environmental Law and Policy Center, Clean Energy for America, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Earthjustice, Environmental Defense Fund, and Union of Concerned Scientists that urges the rejection of the proposal that our Republican friends are making.

APRIL 17, 2023.

DEAR MEMBER OF CONGRESS: The undersigned groups write to express our opposition to the Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolutions of disapproval (H.J. Res 39 and S.J. Res 15) aimed at reversing President Biden's temporary suspension of tariffs on certain solar cells and panels from manufacturers in Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam. Passage of these resolutions could destabilize solar supply chains, harm ongoing deployment of large scale solar projects, threaten high-quality solar construction jobs, and impede our nation's decarbonization goals.

Proclamation 10414, issued by President Biden in June 2022, gave the U.S. Department of Commerce authority to issue regulations suspending new solar tariffs until June 2024 while the department proceeded with its investigation into claims that facilities in the Southeastern Asian countries were circumventing existing tariffs on Chinese solar companies. The Commerce Department subsequently issued rules implementing the delay, and H.J. Res 39 and S.J. Res 15 would nullify that rulemaking.

Our organizations support both a shift to cleaner and fairer supply chains for clean energy, as well as the rapid deployment of clean energy in order to meet the urgency of the climate crisis. Thanks in part to the expansive investments in clean energy manufacturing and high quality job standards included in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), we are now well positioned to achieve both of these goals. The administration's strong implementation of the IRA's domestic content provisions is a critical piece to further drive manufacturing buildout in the U.S. However, passage of these CRA resolutions would undermine the ability of the U.S. solar industry to succeed in accelerating the shift to more clean energy on the power grid.

The President's decision to pause tariffs for two years is providing U.S. businesses with much-needed certainty after several months of project cancellations and delays last year due to the Commerce Department's investigation, which caused solar deployment to decline by 30 percent—10 gigawatts below expectations.

We have already seen more than \$13 billion in domestic solar manufacturing announcements since the passage of the IRA. While more buildout is needed, this demonstrates that domestic investment is headed in the right direction. Additional panel shortages, as we saw during the Commerce Department investigation, would once again debilitate U.S. utility-scale solar projects and jobs. And if a CRA resolution rolls back the President's two-year tariff pause, then debilitating shortages and lost investment capital could begin this year.

Beyond the harm to solar deployments across the U.S., there is the larger issue of the CRA being the wrong tool for Congressional oversight. Congress has always had the power to create, modify or eliminate rules using the regular legislative process. The CRA provides a more extreme path by repealing a rule in its entirety and preventing an agency from issuing a new rule that is "substantially the same," an undefined phrase that can essentially freeze the regulatory process.

In this instance, while the Commerce Department investigation of tariff circumvention was being conducted, the administration sought to provide enough lead time for domestic solar panel manufacturing and supply chains to rapidly expand operations to meet demand, bring certainty on the prices of imported panels to the solar companies deploying clean energy, and job stability for those workers installing panels. Passing these resolutions could prevent future administrations from being able to find appropriate solutions to other tariffs and trade challenges.

For these reasons, the undersigned organizations urge you to vote NO on H.J. Res 39 and S.J. Res 15. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for considering our views.

Sincerely,

League of Conservation Voters, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club, Climate Action Campaign, Environmental Law and Policy Center, Clean Energy for America, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Earthjustice, Environmental Defense Fund, Union of Concerned Scientists.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the concern I have is that what is being missed here is the reality that we are dependent on the supply chain in which China plays a key role. We don't like it. My Republican friends don't like it. Unfortunately, they have undermined efforts that we have to try to reposition the supply chain.

The energy proposals that we have offered up are an opportunity to grow and strengthen America's capacity. Just yesterday, they would repeal a number of those provisions. Their proposal would impose over a billion dollars of retroactive tariffs on our solar industry at a time when we are trying to grow it.

We want to give the industry time to reorient the supply chain. That takes time. It is already made clear on the floor right now that the current solar industry is at capacity. They need time to change the supply chains.

Sadly, my Republican friends would reduce incentives to strengthen the American supply chain. The reality is in the past we have allowed China to have a dominant position. We don't want that.

We have offered up a variety of proposals that would strengthen and incentivize American business, but this proposal, if enacted, would punish American workers, it would punish American business, and it would set us back on our climate goals. That does not serve anybody well.

Instead, the Biden administration has offered a reasonable compromise extending for 2 years the ability to continue the course here while we reorient the supply chain.

I have a whole host of proposals if my colleagues want to be tough on China. Mr. BEYER referenced the fact that, through the de minimis provisions, we are allowing over 2 million packages a day in the United States' stream of commerce often, no doubt, produced by forced labor, uninspected, and not paying tariffs.

This is a simple, commonsense provision that we have offered up that would help change that, and we have others if people want to deal meaningfully with the Chinese challenge. This doesn't. This doesn't change the reality of our current dependence on China for the supply chain, and, indeed, it will complicate our ability to make the transition.

I respectfully urge that we reject this resolution and allow the opportunity for our industry to get its footing and make the transition that we all want them to make.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to share my opinions, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, my grandfather always told me that actions speak louder than words. We have heard a lot of words about people standing up to China. This resolution will give every Member in this body the opportunity to stand up to China, and this is the way to do it.

Mr. Speaker, I am so thankful that we have Democratic Senators—including my counterpart, Senator WYDEN—on the other side of the aisle who are willing to do the right thing for the American worker and to do what President Obama did in 2012 to make sure that the solar industry works for America and does not become beholden to China.

Today, the U.S. Congress has the opportunity to send a direct message to China, and really any country that thinks about violating trade policies or attempts to cheat American workers, that the U.S. will not tolerate such behavior. I appreciate the fact that this can be a bipartisan message.

The White House made a very misguided decision when it chose to lift additional tariffs from China for 2 years. That action, in my view, sends the wrong message to the world, particularly when we know, based on findings by the President's own Commerce Department, that China is cheating American workers and consumers by circumventing tariffs right now.

We have the opportunity today to act on bipartisan legislation that will turn out the lights on that decision and hold China accountable.

To be clear, U.S. purchasers of fairly traded solar products will not pay a single penny of additional tariffs if this resolution is enacted. This is about protecting American workers and American jobs and holding China accountable.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for introducing this resolution and fighting to protect American workers and American jobs.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition of H.J. Res. 39—Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Com-

merce relating to "Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties in Accord with Presidential Proclamation 10414".

This joint resolution nullifies a final rule submitted by the Department of Commerce and was published on September 16, 2022.

H.J. Res. 39 permitted the suspension of tariffs on specific solar panels, also known as crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells and modules.

The regulation specifically applied to solar panels made in Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, or Vietnam using parts and components made in China that are not previously covered by an antidumping or countervailing duty order.

Orders for antidumping and countervailing duties are put in place to combat unfair trade practices, such as when a foreign government gives domestic companies subsidies to give them an economic advantage over competitors from abroad.

The restriction that was repealed served to relieve businesses who import solar panels from these nations and make use of Chinese-made parts and components that are exempt from such orders.

By placing large and potentially retroactive duties on some imported solar panels, H.J. Res. 39 would obstruct the supply of solar products to the United States.

President Biden declared an energy emergency on June 6, 2022, to guarantee consistent and inexpensive access to renewable energy.

Following that, the Department of Commerce published a rule to establish a temporary, 24-month freeze on the collection of specific tariffs on solar cells or modules.

The U.S. solar industry was given the opportunity and time to realign supply chains away from China due to this rule and the new domestic manufacturing incentives under the Inflation Reduction Act.

Without a temporary bridge, the price of solar installations will rise dramatically, and less solar project development will be planned.

The shift to clean energy will lead to an increase in employment, manufacturing, and wages here in the United States.

The Inflation Reduction Act represents the single biggest investment in clean energy in American history.

The IRA is starting the nation on the road to sustainable, responsible energy independence.

Additionally, approximately 100,000 jobs for American mechanics, electricians, construction workers, technicians, support personnel, and other professionals have been created as a result of the green tax credits in the IRA.

Ninety new sustainable energy projects have been announced in 31 states in the first half of the year of the law.

Manufacturing facilities for batteries, electric vehicles, and wind and solar energy systems are among these initiatives.

The move by President Biden is a one-time fix to realign American supply lines.

Initiating high, retroactive tariffs right away, harming solar growth, raising energy prices, and reducing supply at a time when we need to ramp up would be the results of ending the President's interim suspension.

By 2030, carbon emissions are expected to be reduced by 40 percent thanks to the clean energy credits provided by the Inflation Reduction Act, providing us a real chance to achieve the Paris Climate Agreement's objectives.

The bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, which will make unprecedented investments in American workers, communities, and businesses, was signed into law by President Biden last August.

The CHIPS Act will improve American semiconductor development, research, and manufacturing, among other things.

The CHIPS Act forbids recipients of funds from increasing chip manufacture in China and other nations that are legally deemed to pose a threat to American national security.

These historic policies, along with the CHIPS Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, have encouraged businesses to invest more than \$200 billion in American manufacturing.

According to Uyghur Human Rights Project (UHRP), a rise in solar imports from Chinese solar manufacturers—regardless of whether such imports come from China or Chinese-controlled facilities in Southeast Asia—directly encourages the Chinese solar industry's use of Uyghur forced labor.

According to UHRP, imports of solar cells and modules from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam have increased by 69 percent during 2019.

In addition, UHRP argues that it is intolerable to think that the United States should rely on goods produced by filthy “coal plants and China's genocidal forced-labor inputs” to sustain the transition to renewable energy.

Priorities for the environment and a commitment to uphold human rights must go hand in hand.

As a member of the House renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, I strongly oppose H.J. Res. 39 because it will harm solar growth and raise energy prices.

I strongly urge all my colleagues to come in stand in the opposition of H.J. Res. 39, because it is the Republicans' effort to roll back the Inflation Act. We should stop these attempts to undermine our hard-earned win.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.J. Res. 39. This resolution is another Republican attack on President Biden's climate goals that will harm American jobs and existing domestic solar projects. This is an unnecessary rush to insert ourselves into agency rulemaking before Congress has the full picture.

This resolution would overturn a Biden Administration regulation that placed a two-year moratorium on tariffs on solar panels and cells from four Southeast Asian countries: Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam. This rule was put in place to ensure the American solar supply chain has adequate volumes of solar panels and cells to meet domestic demand. H.J. Res. 39 clearly ignores the fact that the Department of Commerce has been studying the way China may be manipulating solar markets in Southeast Asia to avoid U.S. tariffs during the two-year duty moratorium. The Department of Commerce is almost set to release a final report with their findings in May. It is irresponsible for Congress to overturn the Biden Administration's rule without seeing the result of that investigation on the full scope of China's role in these markets.

I am proud of the historic investments in domestic clean energy manufacturing made under unified Democratic control in the last Congress. Democrats are building toward the goal of solar panels and cells being American made, American built, and union installed.

Congressional Republicans have long been hostile to investments in clean energy and Republicans are using this resolution as an opportunity to slow down our economy as it transitions to a clean energy economy. H.J. Res. 39 jeopardizes existing projects which would mean the loss of jobs for the hard-working Americans who design, construct, and install solar. We have seen historic investments in community solar projects in Minnesota's Fourth District. This resolution puts those projects, and the jobs they create, in danger.

Mr. Speaker, let me be clear, H.J. Res. 39 is an attack on President Biden, our transition to a clean energy economy, and domestic manufacturing goals.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MEUSER). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 327, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the joint resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 221, nays 202, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 202]

YEAS—221

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Bishop (NC)
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Wilson (FL)

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Hunt	Peters	Scott (VA)
Kelly (PA)	Ross	Turner
Mfume	Salazar	Watson Coleman

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Mr. JACKSON of Illinois changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. CARTER of Texas changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes today due to a family medical situation. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall No. 202.

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, due to a long-standing family obligation, planned well before the congressional schedule was available, I could not be present for votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall No. 202.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023, TO TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

COMMEMORATING THE 48TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLACK APRIL

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 48th anniversary of Black April.

I am proud to represent Orange County's Little Saigon, which is home to the largest population of Vietnamese in the world outside of Vietnam itself.

During Black April, we remember the fall of Saigon, those who served in Vietnam, and those who lost their lives fleeing communism.

The fall of the Republic of Vietnam is one of the greatest tragedies in modern history. It reminds us that freedom is not free. It reminds us that we are blessed to live in the greatest country in the world.

Today, I invite all of my colleagues to join me and stand with the Vietnamese community in Orange County and across the country during Black April.

IMMIGRANTS MUST BE TREATED HUMANELY

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the importance of treating immigrants in a humane way.

In a hearing in the Homeland Security Committee recently, we discussed an incredibly offensive collector's coin called a challenge coin being sold online.

It depicted a Border Patrol agent on horseback chasing a Black Haitian migrant with a whip. The coin celebrated the incident, and it was claimed to be circulating with Border Patrol agents.

It disgusted almost everyone in the hearing, except for a prominent MAGA Republican who laughed about it. No one should find the abusive treatment of human beings funny.

It is a national embarrassment. These migrants are trying to better their lives and the lives of their families.

We need to have an effective immigration policy in this country, but we also need to make sure all migrants, regardless of status, are treated humanely and fairly.

RECOGNIZING GENNARO JEWELERS

(Mr. D'ESPOSITO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gennaro Jewelers of Bellmore, New York, as they celebrate 100 years of service to Long Islanders.

This renowned, local small business has been a cornerstone of the community for one century, helping generations of New York neighbors provide wonderful gifts to their loved ones during good times and, unfortunately, bad.

Not only is Gennaro Jewelers known for its fine wares, but under the leadership of my good friend Gary Hudes, the business also continues to give back to the Bellmore community and beyond.

They are staunch supporters of law enforcement, firefighters, and first responders, and they are dedicated to keeping those New Yorkers safe each and every day.

With this long history of quality service in mind, I congratulate Gennaro Jewelers as they celebrate their 100th year serving the Fourth Congressional District.

New York's Fourth Congressional District is enriched by the presence of great businesses like Gennaro Jewelers, and I wish my good friend Gary Hudes and the entire team there much success in the future.

Congratulations on 100 years.

QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IS NEEDED

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, I am a mother myself. My children are now 27 and 30 years old, but I distinctly remember how challenging it was to have children in a two-parent working family.

I was a lawyer before I came to Congress, and I distinctly remember the panic when I had to bring my very active toddler son to court with me because his preschool was suddenly closed.

I really feel for people who have ongoing issues finding affordable, reliable childcare.

More than 38,000 children in Pennsylvania are waitlisted; 1,600 classrooms have closed; and hundreds of childcare positions remain unfilled. In my district in the Lehigh Valley, more than 1,500 children are waitlisted, and Carbon County is classified as a childcare desert.

The childcare crisis isn't just hard on parents. It is hard on childcare providers, too. Early childcare workers in my district make just \$28,000 to \$32,000 compared with their elementary school peers making \$52,000.

The Childcare for Working Families Act introduced yesterday on a bicameral basis would help open more care providers and lower costs for parties, capping costs at 7 percent of a family's income.

Putting money back in parents' pockets, raising wages for hardworking care providers, and giving kids more quality early childhood education—that is working for people.

CELEBRATING ERNESTO MENDOZA

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank and celebrate the 50th birthday and retirement of Ernesto Mendoza for his dedicated service to our community, to protect and to serve the people of Los Angeles.

Ernesto served our great country in the United States Army overseas in Germany and then came home to serve in the Los Angeles Police Department, with a combined total of 30 years of service.

He consistently operates with integrity and honesty and has established strong, trusted leadership, retiring as a detective III through various LAPD departments, including the 77th Division and, most recently, South Bureau.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Ernesto for all that he has done for our community, and I thank him for his service to our country. I hope Ernesto enjoys his 50th birthday with his family, and I wish him a joyful retirement.

CELEBRATING COACH TY WHITE

(Mrs. MCCLELLAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the incredible work of John Marshall High School's boys' basketball head coach, Ty White.

Coach White recently received the Naismith High School Boys Coach of the Year award after leading his team

to an undefeated season and the State title in Virginia.

The Naismith Awards are presented annually to the most outstanding men's and women's basketball players and coaches who have achieved tremendous success on and off the court.

Coach White has spent 13 years coaching the boys' basketball team and has served as an invaluable mentor and community leader in the John Marshall High School family.

I commend Coach White on his determination, leadership, and grit. He and the John Marshall boys' basketball team, the Justices, have made Richmond, our district, and their Congresswoman proud.

Go Justices.

MODERN AMERICAN WORKERS WANT FLEXIBILITY AND CHOICE

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, the modern American worker wants flexibility and choice. However, President Biden and Washington Democrats would rather force their radical labor agenda on the American people.

That is why Senator TIM SCOTT and I introduced the Employee Rights Act, which represents the Republican vision for the future of the modern American workforce.

Our bill updates our Nation's labor laws by expanding workforce protections for independent contractors, entrepreneurs, franchises, and anyone else looking to earn a living on their own terms and live the American Dream.

This bill also offers political protections to employees by preventing heavyhanded union leaders from abusing membership dues, as well as ensuring the union election process is conducted by secret ballot, a right guaranteed to every American, so employees are not intimidated or harassed for the way they vote.

Supported by dozens of national, State, and local organizations, I am proud to introduce this commonsense legislation that ensures workers' rights are protected from partisan union leaders and the heavy hand of this administration.

Republicans stand with the 21st century worker, and it is time our labor policies do, as well. Every American deserves the freedom to hold a job and not be forced to pay union dues.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HARRY BELAFONTE

(Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and

legacy of Harry Belafonte, who passed away this week at age 96. This is a hole in the soul of goodness.

He broke barriers in Hollywood, becoming one of the first Black faces on-screen. His unique sound led him to success in the music industry, with classics like "Day-O," "Banana Boat," and "Jamaica Farewell."

His artistry spoke to the soul of many Black Americans who did not see themselves represented in music or on-screen. He touched the West Indies diaspora of New York and lent that island sound to his top hits.

He had great success with his "Calypso" album when it topped the charts for 31 weeks straight before a man known as Elvis Presley came on the scene.

He also took up the mantle of civil rights to work alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Stokely Carmichael, and others to promote racial equity. He will be remembered as a multitalented entertainer who shattered barriers while continuing to battle racial prejudice and help clear the way for those who came after him.

May we remember his powerful legacy and his remarkable efforts to progress justice, equality, and civil rights.

CONGRATULATING JENNY GENTRY

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jenny Gentry, who has been selected as the 2023 recipient of the Legacy of Leadership Award from the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia.

The Legacy of Leadership Award honors a woman who is a Girl Scout alum and has made a significant impact in the local community.

A native of Atlanta, Jenny made Savannah her home after graduating from college. She joined JPMorgan Chase in May 2019 on the commercial banking team covering the Savannah area and surrounding communities.

Since moving to Savannah, Jenny has been active in the community, serving on a number of civic and non-profit boards. She is currently the board chair for Goodwill Southeast Georgia and has previously served as the board chair of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, YMCA of the Coastal Empire, and United Way.

Jenny also serves on the Savannah Community Foundation Board, as well as the Chatham-Savannah Homeless Authority.

I thank Jenny for her continued dedication to the Savannah community and congratulate her on the well-deserved honor.

OUR COUNTRY NEEDS A GREEN NEW DEAL

(Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Green New Deal, which I am proud to cosponsor with Senator MARKEY and Representative OCASIO-CORTEZ.

We are in a climate emergency, and we must work together to fight back and build an economy for everyone, an economy that just doesn't meet the threats of climate change but also directly invests in our communities.

Everyone deserves safe water to drink, clean air to breathe, and a healthy place to live. Right now, we are not just failing the next generation; we are failing Americans today.

This impacts all of us, from low-income communities that have been victims of environmental injustice to the millions of people whose livelihoods depend on agriculture. We must be prepared to lead and understand the link between housing and climate justice.

Our cities need active and green public transit and walkable neighborhoods. We can build a sustainable future and create good union jobs.

Our country needs a Green New Deal, and I pledge to keep fighting for those values every single day.

REMEMBERING PATRICIA SUTHERLIN MCREE

(Mr. MILLS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MILLS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and remember Patricia Sutherlin McRee.

Patricia Sutherlin McRee, a 30-year resident of Oviedo, and a constituent of mine, passed from us earlier this week.

Patricia moved to the Space Coast in 1960 to teach at Melbourne High School, where she met a young Army officer who had been mobilized and sent to Florida during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Patricia took her charm and commitment to service with her all over this Nation and overseas as an Army spouse. She organized support for families whose husbands were serving in Vietnam alongside her beloved Army husband, Marshall McRee.

She mobilized love and comfort for new widows and fatherless children traumatized by the sudden loss of a serviceman killed in action. At every military base that the Army sent Patricia and Marshall to, she was a leader, a servant, and an essential part of the fabric of that community.

In my district of Oviedo, Patricia served as leader of the Oviedo Women's Club and, for many years, organized the Great Day in the Country Festival to fundraise for that organization.

She made every duty station a better place through her service, and she made central Florida a better place.

My heartfelt condolences to her son-in-law, Congressman BRANDON WILLIAMS, and his wife in this loss.

May God bless her. Rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

(Mrs. SYKES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Workers Memorial Day, a day where we honor workers who have lost their lives, endured injuries, or become ill due to unsafe working conditions or exposure to chemicals in the workplace.

Mary Harris Jones—some know her better as Mother Jones—was a champion of workers' rights during the industrial revolution. She reminded us to "pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living."

That is what we are going to do today and every day, not by just simply remembering these workers who sacrificed their safety, health, and lives because that is simply not enough. We must continue to fight for safe jobs for all.

I am proud to stand with unions to protect workers' rights. Nearly every health and safety protection that working people across our Nation have, can be traced back to the work of unions.

I can say with confidence that you cannot find a harder working group of people than those in Ohio's 13th Congressional District. We are resilient, dedicated, and determined, and we deserve strong workplace standards to protect the health and safety of our neighbors, coworkers, and families.

I will continue to stand with unions in the fight for dignity in the workplace so all Ohioans can feel safe and secure when they go to work each day.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all of my colleagues in advance for remembering and recognizing April 28 as Workers Memorial Day.

CONGRATULATING BOULINEAU'S IGA ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. FRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Boulineau's IGA, a family-owned, legendary establishment in the Cherry Grove section of North Myrtle Beach, on its 75th anniversary.

This iconic brand started with the Boulineau family in 1948. Today, the Boulineau family has eight different businesses—everything from gas stations to ice cream shops, to a seafood restaurant—that occupy over four square blocks, with more than 175,000 square feet of retail shopping. It seems like every corner has a splash of that iconic Boulineau red.

Local businesses are the heart and soul of my district in South Carolina and, indeed, the Nation, and I am grateful for the hard work of families like the Boulineaus, who are dedicated to serving their communities.

It is amazing to see the growth of a hometown business over the course of the last 75 years, and I wish them nothing but success for the next 75 years.

DO RIGHT BY OUR KIDS

(Ms. SCHOLTEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of the bipartisan Protecting Sibling Relationships in Foster Care Act.

Several students from my district have written in to ask me to support this essential piece of legislation. Frankly, they have a really good point.

We know that CPS investigations and removals are traumatizing for children. When we keep kids together in foster care, we protect them from adverse experiences, provide them with continuity, and help expedite the delivery of services to them at a critical time.

Currently, it is estimated that 53 to 80 percent of these children are separated from one or more of their siblings while in care. This can't continue.

There are overwhelming psychological, academic, operational, and humanitarian reasons for supporting this legislation. This bill would increase the placement of siblings together in foster care and encourage the development of programs designed specifically for sibling groups.

It is pragmatic, bipartisan, and, most importantly, good for our kids.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to do right by our children and support this legislation as well.

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

(Mr. DAVIDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the talented and diligent students in our Eighth District who participated in our annual Congressional Art Competition.

This year, we received 230 submissions from eight schools. The artwork from these dedicated students is on display at the Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park and Museum until April 30, and it is available online, as well.

One standout student received the grand prize victory for her art submission. I congratulate Paige Harris, who was our grand prize winner of the 2023 Eighth District Congressional Art Competition.

Paige is an 11th-grader and attends Badin High School, and her Urban Renewal work will be placed on display in the United States Capitol for the next year. Last week, I had the honor to meet Paige and her fellow art competition participants, and her family, as well.

We celebrate their hard work, their skills, and their creativity. I thank them all for their participation.

HONORING THE MOTHERS OF THIS NATION

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the month of May, I remind everyone that we honor our mothers of this Nation—mothers who have nourished, calmed, encouraged, celebrated, cheered; those who have made their way in life; mothers who have had difficult times, challenges, yet continue to be there. I honor mothers who are taking care of children who are not their own.

In this month of May, I will select mothers from my congressional district and some from around the Nation to honor and thank them for what they do.

That is why, as well, I voted against the draconian Republican budget that wanted to cut SNAP, supplemental nutrition, to help our children; wanted to cut veteran benefits for women veterans who are in desperate need; and wanted to again squash women's rights and reproductive rights.

Mothers are, in fact, the anchor of this Nation. I celebrate them and will celebrate them this coming month with cheer, applause, recognition, and honor.

NATURAL GAS INTEGRAL TO ENERGY APPROACH

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, today, over 187 million Americans use natural gas, as well as another approximately 50 million who use propane, because it is affordable and available right here in North America. Over half the country uses this product.

Over 45 million stoves and ovens, 61 million water heaters, and 73 million space heaters use natural gas across the country, which provides consistent, reliable energy for heating and cooking, et cetera.

Our Nation is the largest consumer of natural gas and one of the largest producers of natural gas due to the miracle of hydraulic fracturing. It has become an integral and reliable part of our energy arsenal over the decades.

Yet, States like California—and now the Biden administration—can't seem to admit the unreliable alternatives that they are trying to force upon all of us are not the be-all and end-all. They can't seem to admit that these technologies have not advanced to the point where they can rely on solar or wind, a tiny part of our grid, for all of our needs.

Democrats are content to source foreign energy to fill in the gaps where their green energy falls way short. Republicans and other commonsense Americans know we need an all-of-the-above energy approach to fill our energy needs.

Natural gas, oil, hydropower, geothermal, nuclear, and biomass are all important parts of the grid, not just windmills, not just solar panels. We need all of the above.

COMMEMORATING THE FALL OF SAIGON

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to commemorate the fall of Saigon, also known as Black April, on April 30.

Today, the Vietnamese-American community is comprised of businessowners, teachers, police officers, and American soldiers. The Little Saigon community exemplifies the American Dream and has always stood for the land of opportunity.

This Sunday marks 47 years since Vietnamese refugees came to America.

Today, I ask my colleagues to remember the 58,000 American soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom of Vietnam.

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RECOGNIZING EDA DiCAPRIO

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eda DiCaprio in honor of her 90th birthday. Eda and her twin sister, Eleanor, were born on May 10, 1933, in Amsterdam, New York.

She worked for New York Telephone then General Electric after graduating from Wilbur H. Lynch High School.

In 1956, she gave birth to her daughter, Roberta. An exceptionally hardworking and loving mother, Eda worked a number of jobs over the years while Roberta was in school, including those at Mohasco, Miles Catering, and Lorenzo's on Union Street before working alongside her twin sister at Travelers Insurance.

She joined St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary in 2006 and around the same time began volunteering in human resources, where she secured employment and continues to work to this day.

Congratulations to Eda on many decades of committed service to the community and a happy 90th birthday.

HIGHLIGHTING THE HALIWA-SAPONI TRIBE

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe. The Tribe has over 4,000 members living in the First Congressional District of North Carolina.

The Tribe, led by their fearless Chief Richardson, welcomed people near and

far as they celebrated 58 years of State recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I had the honor of attending the Haliwa-Saponi Pow-Wow in Hollister, one of the largest pow-wows in the State. The Pow-Wow, the first in 3 years because of COVID, celebrates a rich history and strong cultural heritage filled with traditions passed down from generation to generation.

Mr. Speaker, I am thrilled to announce that I will soon introduce legislation calling for their Federal recognition.

PASS A CLEAN DEBT LIMIT INCREASE NOW

(Ms. TOKUDA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, this week, I voted against the default on America act, a reckless debt limit proposal that would force Americans to suffer through pandemic-level economic pain once again because of brutal spending cuts put forth by House Republicans.

The default on America act would buy us less than a year's reprieve from default on the backs of hardworking American families, "keiki, kupuna," "children, seniors," and veterans. The 22 percent across-the-board cuts for critical safety net programs would mean 13 million fewer health visits for our veterans; 300,000 children would lose Head Start slots and families' access to childcare; and 1 million seniors would get kicked off Meals on Wheels. The list goes on.

We need to put people over politics. We cannot afford to gamble with the lives and livelihoods of everyday Americans. Instead of these "pilau," "rotten," cuts, we should be focused on ending child hunger, keeping people housed, taking care of kupuna, and improving access to veteran services.

The Treasury says we have less than 60 days until our Nation is expected to default on our loans. America is waiting for us to do the right thing and pass a clean debt limit increase now.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OGLES) laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 28, 2023.

I hereby designate the period from Saturday, April 29, 2023, through Monday, May 8, 2023, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE CONSCIENCE AGENDA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 9, 2023, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. And still I rise, Mr. Speaker. I rise today as a proud descendant of the enslaved people who are the foundational mothers and fathers of our country. They are the persons who laid the economic foundation that we all reside upon today.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give an update on the conscience agenda. I rise to give an update because we have had something new that we have to add to the agenda.

Previously, we had announced that the agenda would consist of expanding a Slavery Remembrance Day. August 20 of 1619 is a day that will live in infamy. It was a seminal moment in time for this country because it was on that day that persons upon a ship, the White Lion, docked at a place called Point Comfort, near what we now call Norfolk, Virginia.

On that ship were persons of African ancestry, the first 20 Africans. There may be some debate as to the number, but approximately 20 is what is recorded in most places, it seems. The first 20 Africans were traded for goods. They became the first enslaved people in this country.

August 20 of 1619, a day that was a seminal moment then and a seminal moment now because of the impact it has had on our country. Slavery should be remembered.

We have a Holocaust Remembrance Day, and I completely, absolutely, and totally support it. I was at the Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony just recently where we commemorated those persons who were victims of the holocaust. We have a 9/11 remembrance day. We have a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. We must have a Slavery Remembrance Day.

I am proud to let the world know that this House of Representatives did pass a resolution commemorating slavery remembrance. It did not make it through the Senate, but the House did pass it.

I am also honored to say that our President, the Honorable Joe Biden, recognized Slavery Remembrance Day with a press release. Last year, in Houston, Texas, we had an official Slavery Remembrance Day Commemoration Breakfast. At that breakfast, we had over a thousand people in attendance. We will have another such breakfast on August 20 of this year. Slavery Remembrance Day is a part of the conscience agenda.

We also have on the conscience agenda the awarding of a Congressional Gold Medal to the enslaved Americans of African ancestry.

Why? Because in this country, we have reviled the enslaved and revered the enslavers. In this country, we have named military bases and schools after enslavers. We have not done such things, to any great degree that I am aware of, for the enslaved persons. We

revered the enslavers and reviled the enslaved.

There is something a little bit more sinister associated with this. It is the notion that there seems to be an expectation that the descendants of the enslaved behave as perfect victims.

Behave as perfect victims. Allow your ancestors to be dishonored, allow them to be disrespected. Be the perfect victim. Allow schools that you send your children to, to be named after enslavers. Allow military bases that your young people will go to and serve, when serving in the military—do this and don't complain. Don't complain; it is okay. After all, they were the enslaved.

But we will salute, revere, give great honor, and lionize those who were the enslavers. Something sinister about that, expecting the descendants to appreciate the revering of the enslavers while reviling the enslaved. Something sinister about it. It boggles the mind.

I refuse to be a perfect victim. I am not going to honor the enslavers, and I think that we should honor the enslaved. This is why we are asking this Congress to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the enslaved. They are the people who helped construct this very facility that we are in. They are the people who, with their humble hands, helped to erect the White House and build it. They are the people who built roads and bridges, planted the crops, harvested the crops, and fed the Nation. Many of them were born into slavery. Babies were enslaved in this country, lived as children in slavery, and died as slaves for hundreds of years.

People expect the AL GREENS of the world to be perfect victims, just accept it. I refuse to be a perfect victim. This is why I am asking for a Congressional Gold Medal for the enslaved persons who are the foundational mothers and fathers of this country.

There is another reason for asking. We, in 1956, awarded a Congressional Gold Medal to the enslavers. The Confederate soldiers were awarded a Congressional Gold Medal. No such thing for the people who built the country, whose lives were sacrificed so that we could have this economic power that we have today.

By the way, I love my country. I sing the National Anthem. I stand and I say the Pledge of Allegiance. I am not a person who, with some great degree of disdain, disrespects the flag. I don't do it.

But I will say this: The greatness of America will not be measured by whether I salute the flag or sing the National Anthem. The greatness of America is measured by whether I will stand up for the rights of those who choose not to salute the flag, who choose not to sing the National Anthem. I do; I stand up for them.

I would want you to know that if we can, as we did in 1956, give a Congressional Gold Medal to the enslavers, surely we can accord a Congressional Gold Medal to the enslaved. Just as we

have done it for those who would have kept them in bondage, we can do it for those persons whose lives were sacrificed such that we would have this facility, such that we would have the economic engine that we have today. So we ask for the Congressional Gold Medal.

We have also noted that Richard Russell, a self-proclaimed white supremacist—Richard Russell's name is on the Russell Senate Office Building, a self-proclaimed white supremacist. He fought antilynching legislation that we just passed in the last Congress.

He was self-proclaimed, fought integration, and was one of the authors of the Southern Manifesto. Richard Russell's name is on the Russell Senate Office Building. That is the Richard Russell. His name ought not be there.

These are the enslaved persons who were brought here, a depiction of them, in 1619.

The Richard Russell Office Building is a symbol of national shame. The Senate has been in the process of, along with this House, taking the names of Confederate soldiers off of military bases. But that same Senate will not remove the name of Richard Russell from a building that it resides in, the Richard Russell Office Building, a symbol of national shame.

I do not enter the Richard Russell Office Building. I have enough respect for myself. I am not a perfect victim. I am a one-person protest. It is better to stand alone on some questions than not stand at all. I don't have any problem with standing alone when it comes to this facility.

Richard Russell has a rotunda in this facility devoted to him, with a statue of Richard Russell. Richard Russell, the self-proclaimed white supremacist, the same who fought integration, the same Richard Russell who coauthored the Southern Manifesto, a building named after a racist, bigot, self-proclaimed white supremacist.

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His name needs to come off of that building and it should revert to the name that it had before his name was placed on it, which was the Old Senate Office Building. If we would like to name it something more, we can. The Senate is participating in the shaming of the Nation by allowing this name to stay on this building.

The Senate but only has to have the will to remove the name. The same will that it had when it decided that we would take the names of Confederate soldiers off of military bases. If the Senate can take the names of Confederate soldiers off of military bases, surely it can acquire the will to remove Richard Russell's name from a building that the Senate has control over. It is a symbol of national shame.

Now to the update. Not only is Richard Russell's name on the Senate Office Building, but his name is also on legislation. I am not the perfect victim. His name is on legislation. I have a piece of

legislation in my hand that bears the name of Richard Russell. I will not single this piece of legislation out because there are other pieces.

The substance of the legislation, I have no quarrel with. I do take issue with having legislation named after a person, in honor of a person, who is a self-proclaimed white supremacist, and in honor of a person who fought antilynching legislation. It is the same person who coauthored the Southern Manifesto. I refuse to allow it. I will not participate in it. His name should be removed from the Russell Senate Office Building.

This piece of legislation, as I have indicated, bears his name. It is the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Program. His name shouldn't be on a school lunch program. It shouldn't. I can think of some other names that would be removed immediately, if not sooner, if they were on a school lunch program. I can. His name should be removed.

I am filing legislation—this is the update—to have Richard Russell's name removed from all legislation that happens to bear it currently—all legislation—and to never have his name listed again. He is a symbol of national shame. His name should be removed. I refuse to be the perfect victim. The expectation that I don't respect myself enough to stand up for myself.

What is so ironic about this, and it really breaks my heart, is to know that there are people who know this. They know this. There are people of color, African ancestry, and they know this. They still frequent the Richard Russell Office Building, a symbol of national shame.

At some point, my dear friends, we have to cease to be the perfect victim and allow others to expect, and ourselves to participate, in the shaming of our ancestors, and the treatment that African Americans have received in this country by a Richard Russell, having a building named in his honor. We have to remove his name.

This agenda also includes some other things. That was the update. Let's go ahead and refresh memories now.

We have another item on the agenda, and that is enacting the Securities and Exchange Attonement Act.

Friends, I had the honor, the singular honor, of serving as the chairperson of the Oversight Subcommittee on the full Financial Services Committee. I did so under the leadership of the Honorable MAXINE WATERS. Under her leadership, we found that there are banks in this country—the big banks, the major banks—these banks, through their predecessor institutions, these banks literally made loans so that masters, as they were called, could buy slaves—enslaved people. They would buy them.

If the master did not make the payments, defaulted, the bank repossessed the people and treated them as chattels. I refuse to be the perfect victim. This behavior necessitates atonement.

We need to do what this legislation will call for, and that is—let's do the research, let's find out which of these banks benefited from this institution of slavery because they made a profit when they made these loans. They need to atone. That is what this legislation is all about.

We also found out that the major insurance companies insured human beings as chattels. When the master's chattel, the human being that was enslaved, had some death that was one that would require the master to be compensated, the master received payment for the death of an enslaved person. This has to change. There has to be some atonement for this. That is what this Securities and Exchange Attonement Act is all about.

The last thing on the agenda currently is the establishing of the department of reconciliation. To get all of these things done requires reconciliation. Reconciliation is bigger than the institution of slavery.

There are others who necessitate reconciliation, as well. An example would be the indigenous population, the persons who were here when the Europeans arrived. The indigenous population, those persons who suffered what we call the trail of tears. Literally, they were uprooted from their homes and forced to move across the country, simply because others wanted their land. They just took it and forced them to move. Many died along the way. We need to reconcile for this.

There were the persons who were placed in these camps when we were at war with Japan. They lost their homes and property. We need to reconcile. There is reconciliation that must be had and this department would help us do this.

Right now we have a Department of Labor to deal with labor issues. We have a Secretary of Labor. The Secretary of Labor reports directly to the President. We have the Department of Commerce to deal with issues associated with commerce. The Secretary of Commerce reports to the President.

We need a department of reconciliation with a secretary of reconciliation and undersecretaries of reconciliation to deal with all these various areas that need to be reconciled, and that person should report directly to the President.

Reconciliation is not going to occur over one Presidency. It is not going to occur in a few years. It may take decades, but we will have the department to get it done. Just as we are going to keep a Department of Commerce, we should have and maintain and keep, if you will, a department of reconciliation. It is absolutely necessary for us to do this. If we should do so, we can also deal with some other issues that require reconciliation.

This is the way a great nation should respond. A nation that requires liberty and justice for all. That is what is in our Pledge of Allegiance. A nation founded on the notion that all persons

are created equal, who are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights, among them are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That is what this Nation was founded on.

We have to live up to the promise and the pledge. We have to live up to the words in the Declaration of Independence. We have a duty and a responsibility to posterity to correct the injustices that were perpetrated. I have a duty and a responsibility to myself to decline to be the perfect victim.

Mr. Speaker, I rise and I stand in this, the well of the House, not the perfect victim, but as a proud descendent of the enslaved people who helped construct this very facility. I do so knowing that there will be resistance to what I do, but I do so knowing that that resistance cannot withstand the bending of the arc of the moral universe toward justice for the enslaved people who are the foundational mothers and fathers of this country.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a descendent of these enslaved people.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO).

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas for yielding and I certainly share his commitment and I share your pride. I know you stand for justice. I know you stand for the cause of all folks who have been marginalized. I know of your commitment to our servicemembers during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I thank a member of my staff on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs for his valued service to veterans, this Congress, and our country.

Miguel Salazar joined our committee as our communications director in 2019 as Democrats took back the House, and he was an integral part of the committee's efforts to deliver meaningful change for our Nation's veterans.

When my Honoring our PACT Act was signed into law last year, Miguel worked tirelessly with our communications team to ensure that the 3.5 million newly eligible veterans became aware of the benefits they were entitled to.

As a commissioned officer in the Marine Corps Reserve, Miguel has embodied the very best of public service. He has been a true leader and an invaluable member of my staff. The work of my committee and this legislative body have been made better by Miguel's contributions. He will be deeply missed.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I compliment the gentleman for recognizing a staffer. This is what I would expect from him, to be quite honest. He has demonstrated in his years in Congress a desire to see that all people are treated fairly. He has not only demonstrated a desire, but he has actually demonstrated it by way of a voting record that evidences the will to see that it is done.

Mr. Speaker, I compliment the gentleman and it is what I would expect from him.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I was trying to remember the gentleman's cause, which was the merchant mariners during World War II.

I was at an event with Senator MCCONNELL which commemorated the service of these merchant mariners who played such a critical role serving our Nation during World War II. They weren't in uniform, but they died at tremendous numbers.

I share Mr. GREEN's concern that we need to do something for these surviving merchant mariners before they all die. They served our country in an incredible way.

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Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his remarks. I also thank my friend for helping us to shepherd it through the House in the last Congress. We didn't get it through the Senate, but it got through the House because of his hands, and I appreciate it.

Mr. Speaker, before I yield the floor, following the example of my colleague, I would like to commend an employee, actually an intern, who has worked in our office and has been of great service to us. Because this is an intern, I won't give the full name, but her first name is quite similar to my name. My name is Alexander. Most people know me as Al. Hers is Alex.

Alex is with us today. She is a person who, quite frankly, has matured beyond her years and has rendered a great service to our country.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Alex very much for her service to our country, and I yield back the balance of my time.

JULIE SU'S RECORD OF FAILURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from California (Mr. KILEY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, with the departure of Marty Walsh from the Labor Department, President Biden has nominated Deputy Secretary Julie Su to succeed him.

For those of us in California, this decision was very hard to understand. Ms. Su's record as our State's labor secretary under Governor Gavin Newsom is well known because it had such negative consequences for so many people.

Having seen my constituents suffer at the hands of Ms. Su's mismanagement and antiworker agenda, I have felt compelled to make sure the facts come to light in the confirmation process.

As chair of the House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, I held a hearing last week highlighting the countless livelihoods she destroyed as secretary of labor in California.

Mr. Speaker, I don't want the rest of the country to suffer the way California has. Our State had the highest unemployment rate for much of the

COVID era. We had the Nation's highest poverty rate. In recent years, we have been last in the country in income growth and first in the country in U-Haul rentals.

I am joined today by several colleagues who don't want this for their States or for the rest of the country. They have joined us here for this Special Order to discuss what a Julie Suled Labor Department would mean for their constituents and to urge President Biden to withdraw this nomination.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MORAN).

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from California (Mr. KILEY) for gathering us here today for something very important: to speak out against President Biden's nomination of Julie Su to be the next United States Secretary of Labor.

As a former Republican member of the California Legislature, Mr. KILEY knows all too well why this should not happen, and the rest of the country should take notice.

As a former small business owner, I also understand why this should not happen because I understand both the needs of the employer and the employee. I have seen firsthand how empowering your employees, Mr. Speaker, is a leading factor in the overall success of a business and how managing with wise and prudent decisionmaking is the right way to go. That is something that Julie Su has not done and has proven that during her time in California and here in Washington, D.C.

During her time as the secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, she repeatedly put big businesses and their wants ahead of the needs and concerns of the workers. In fact, she put unions ahead of the rights and needs of workers.

During this time, she championed California Assembly Bill 5, which reclassified independent contractors, harming them by considering them employees and, in fact, taking that ability to be independent contractors away from many categories of workers who were intending to build their businesses and build their lives. In doing so, it forced them into these formal employment relationships intended for no other purpose—and I want to pause here—for no other purpose than to drive up union enrollment. She is simply doing the bidding of big unions.

On top of this, during the pandemic, Ms. Su's office facilitated the distribution of more than \$30 billion in fraudulent claims, the largest exhibition of fraud in California State history.

When we look at what we want out of a Labor Secretary, we certainly want wisdom, and we want the ability to manage the Department. Neither of those is present as characteristics in Ms. Su.

I am deeply concerned about the fate of hardworking Americans under the direction of Julie Su as Secretary of

Labor. She does not understand the needs of workers and the responsibilities of employers, and she has repeatedly demonstrated, as I mentioned, poor judgment in her official capacity. To try to dissolve the ability for workers to have that independent contractor relationship is simply misguided.

Unfortunately, Julie Su is just another example of the Biden administration nominating someone who is neither qualified nor possessive of the right judgment to lead the Department.

Rather than work toward enacting meaningful policy that will benefit all Americans, the Biden administration continues to nominate individuals like Ms. Su who are sure to enact the President's liberal agenda and proposed policies, allowing him and his administration to bypass Congress and the American people.

The misguided policies executed in California under Ms. Su when she was secretary of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency there do not reflect the needs and wishes of the east Texans that I represent nor Americans as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the Senate to reject the nomination of Julie Su for Labor Secretary.

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. MORAN for his comments.

He really hit the nail on the head, that if this nomination goes through, it is hardworking Americans—millions of American workers—who will pay the price.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOOD).

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman KILEY for hosting this Special Order.

Mr. Speaker, Julie Su has already auditioned for the job as Secretary of Labor, failing miserably and proving beyond a reasonable doubt that she is unfit for the position.

For 2 years now, Ms. Su has been second in command at the Department of Labor, and all we need to do is look at the rules and regulations that have been issued under her watch.

Her department of labor has incentivized and pressured retirement plans to focus on woke ESG guidelines instead of making investment decisions based on return on investment.

Her department of labor has undermined the right of religious organizations to hire according to their beliefs if they want to participate in Federal contracts, discriminating against them and essentially violating their civil rights.

Her department of labor has redefined the definition of "joint employers" to harm the independence of franchisees.

Her department of labor has undercut independent contractors to make the Federal Government more like California. Yes, that is what we want to do. That is the example we want to follow, and then maybe people will start flee-

ing the United States the way they are fleeing California today.

Her department of labor has raised the minimum wage for employers on Federal contracts to \$15 an hour.

While she was the secretary of labor in California, she ignored the warnings from the United States Department of Labor to improve fraud protection against the jobless benefit payments she was issuing. This is coming from the Biden administration that wants to give as many benefits to as many individuals as possible with essentially no verification of qualifications.

Of course, in this administration of failing forward, instead of being reprimanded, she is being considered for a promotion to the Nation's top labor job.

We all know who Julie Su is. We know that she will take her orders from anti-American Big Labor and further assault right-to-work.

All Senators who value small businesses and workers' rights should oppose her nomination.

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. GOOD for his remarks. His point about making the rest of the country like California is explicitly what they are trying to do here.

President Biden has cited the labor law that Julie Su was in charge of enforcing in California as his model for labor relations nationwide. In fact, the Labor Department is now trying to emulate it in order to cause the same harm to all American workers that California workers have already suffered.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER).

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman KILEY for hosting this Special Order to oppose Deputy Secretary Su as the next Secretary of Labor.

The Biden administration's radical Department of Labor attempted to unconstitutionally fire 84 million Americans unless they took the COVID vaccine and handed over their personal medical files to prove it.

Under Joe Biden's leadership, the Federal Government has been weaponized to go after American workers, causing permanent damage to small businesses and the lives of working Americans.

As vice chair of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, I support a full oversight investigation to hold the Biden administration and Deputy Secretary Su accountable over OSHA's unconstitutional and illegal COVID vaccine mandate.

My constituents miss having a booming economy full of good jobs and a President who supports working families. In Congress, I will always defend hardworking Americans from leftists who want to strip away our freedoms and our ability to provide for our families.

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative MILLER for her remarks. She brings up a very important

point. With everything that has been going on with the economy and everything that happened during COVID, it really is stunning that we had people in positions of power like Julie Su who are looking for reasons to deny people the opportunity to work.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS), who is also part of the Education and the Workforce Committee.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the nomination of Julie Su for U.S. Labor Secretary.

I have always been told that you can get some idea of a person's future judgment and skill based on their past judgments and skill.

Ms. Su has a history that is very instructive. It was her tenure as the secretary of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency of California that put the Golden State on a fast track to bankruptcy and economic collapse.

Because of Julie Su's leadership, hundreds of business headquarters have fled the State. Between 2020 and 2022, over one-half million Californians left the State for greener pastures.

Mr. Speaker, as a California executive, the primary responsibility in representing your State should be growing it, not expelling your citizens.

Ms. Su's reign has shown a failure in both judgment and skills. Under her watch, over \$31 billion of California COVID funds were delivered to the bank accounts of fraudsters. At the same time, delays and red tape plagued legitimate COVID relief claims for those who desperately needed it.

Caving to the demands of union bosses, Ms. Su has been and will continue to be totally tone-deaf to businessowners. She will never understand Americans who build our Nation's tax base; who power our middle class; who pay her salary; and who, through robust employment, are the source for union dues. She literally turned her back on the goose that laid the golden egg—California's risk-taking businessowners.

At the behest of the union bosses, she instead launched an all-out assault on independent contractors critical to the success of the gig economy.

At every government post Ms. Su has been appointed to, she has prioritized non-revenue producers: the union bosses and unelected bureaucrats. Her priority has always been those who empty the government coffers instead of the small business owners who, through work, risk, expansion, and paying taxes, replenish them.

After forcing Californians who can afford to leave to move out, the Democratic-controlled legislature then figured a way to tax departing citizens several years after the taxpayer's departure. It is sad that wisdom and creativity weren't used at the front end to keep them from leaving the State.

Unsurprisingly, the Biden administration plans to continue its disastrous

antigrowth and antibusiness policies under the leadership of Ms. Su.

American families and the workforce are hurting from 40-year record inflation, supply chain disruptions, and high energy prices. Ms. Su is not the right person to tackle America's pressing economic challenges.

Mr. Speaker, I call on the White House to withdraw Julie Su from the confirmation process for Secretary of Labor and prioritize American families, the workforce, and economic growth.

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative OWENS for those very on-point remarks. He said it very well, that this nominee is antibusiness, antigrowth, and antiworker, as well.

I think it is important for us to have a sense of perspective here that this is such a vital moment and a moment of vital importance for the American workforce. We are coming out of an era of unprecedented upheaval, and we are heading toward an era of, in many ways, unpredictable transformation.

For the top labor position in America, we need a Secretary who is competent and qualified, who is proworker and pro-small businesses, who will work with Democrats and Republicans alike, who is fair, and who understands what has made the American workforce the greatest engine for human progress the world has ever known.

Simply put, Julie Su is not that person. Her record in California makes that all too clear. Indeed, during the pandemic, Julie Su and her Employment Development Department, known as the EDD, became the national poster child for government failure.

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I saw this firsthand as a State representative. Millions of Californians had their legitimate unemployment claims wrongfully withheld for weeks, months, or sometimes indefinitely under Su's mismanagement.

You don't need to take my word for that. In July of 2020, 61 of the 80 members of the California Assembly, mostly Democrats, wrote the following:

"In our fifth month of the pandemic, with so many constituents yet to receive a single unemployment payment, it's clear that EDD is failing California:

"Millions of our constituents have had no income for months. As Californians wait for answers from EDD, they have depleted their life savings, have gone into extreme debt, and are in deep panic as they figure out how to put food on the table and a roof over their heads."

The lawmakers went on to explain how the EDD, under Su's management time and again, failed to take responsibility and failed to correct its mistakes. They wrote that they had been met with long-winded excuses, fumbling answers, or unclear and inconsistent data, along with a lack of transparency and accountability, obfuscation and dishonesty in their dealings with Su's agency.

We have exhausted all avenues at our disposal, they said, as the agency has addressed only a few of the many issues we have highlighted for months and was only scratching the surface of the disaster that is EDD.

"The disaster" is how the California Democrat supermajority characterized Julie Su's agency.

The frustrated legislators lamented how little has improved at EDD over the course of the pandemic. Independent reports confirmed the extent of mismanagement and deception from Su's agency. While the EDD had said in July of 2020 that its claims backlog would be cleared by September, a report found 1.5 million claims remained unresolved and the backlog was increasing by 10,000 each week.

The Independent Legislative Analyst office likewise found the EDD mischaracterized the crisis. Even allies of the Governor and Secretary Su concluded that she was responsible for this. Democrat Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris, who is the chairwoman of the Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee responsible for overseeing the EDD said that Su "... has not done a good job at running the Employment Development Department," saying Su's mismanagement "caused heartache for millions of Californians."

That is the top Democrat on the committee that oversaw her work in California, saying she did not do a good job at running the Employment Development Department.

What reason is there to think she is going to do a good job then running the U.S. Labor Department?

It gets much worse. As so many hard-working citizens waited in vain for their checks in California after they were told they weren't allowed to work during the COVID shutdowns, as these folks who were entitled to their checks waited for them, one group seemed to have no trouble at all getting benefits and those were people who were not entitled to them, those who perpetrated a massive fraud against the State government of California.

In fact, it was the largest fraud of taxpayer dollars in history. An estimated \$32 billion was wrongfully paid out from the EDD to State prison inmates, international crime syndicates, and other criminals. Payments were made to murderers, rapists, child molesters. 133 death row inmates received over \$400,000 alone. These hardened criminals didn't have to try hard. They used names like DIANNE FEINSTEIN and John Doe.

The district attorney of Sacramento County called the scheme "relatively easy." The individual most responsible, once again, was Secretary Julie Su. She made the inexplicable decision to forego a basic fraud prevention system. She ignored the Federal Government's guidance that claims are to be cross-checked against the prison rolls, which was standard practice in other States.

The agency sent hundreds of benefit cards to the same address, sent cards

directly to correctional facilities, issued benefits to infants and centenarians. A January 2021 report from the California State auditor notes that the EDD fraud occurred for three main reasons: First, EDD waited about 4 months to automate a key antifraud measure; second, EDD allowed claimants to collect benefits, even though they were using suspicious addresses; and third, EDD removed a key safeguard against improper payments without fully understanding the significance of the safeguard.

Yet, perhaps worst of all is that Julie Su has refused to accept responsibility.

Just last week at her Senate confirmation hearing, she said, "As soon as we saw that there was fraud happening, I shut the front door to that fraud." That is her testimony just last week. "As soon as we saw that there was fraud happening, I shut the front door to that fraud."

However, California's independent State auditor has found that "despite repeated warnings, EDD did not bolster its fraud detection efforts until months into the pandemic."

There is no predicting what will happen to our country, to our workforce if that level of mismanagement is brought to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to discuss one more facet of Ms. Su's tenure in California, but before doing so, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. MCCORMICK).

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I too have major concerns about this nomination.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition of President Biden's nominee for Secretary of Labor, Julie Su. America's labor secretary should defend both American workers and understand the economy which provides jobs, feeds families, and keeps our communities strong.

Unfortunately, Ms. Su oversaw and distributed about \$32.6 billion in fraudulent unemployment claims paid out to death row inmates, international criminal syndicates, and other fraudsters. She has tried and failed to obscure this fact in front of the Senate Committee.

While she was doing this, Su also denied or delayed over 5 million legitimate unemployment insurance claims. She was also an architect and key enforcer in California law that effectively outlaws freelance work in California, destroying the livelihoods of thousands of families.

Our Nation's 1099 employees are just as important to this country as the liberal elite donors that are so set on destroying the American working class.

The facts are clear, President Biden should pick someone else to be his Labor Secretary.

I urge my colleagues in the United States Senate to stand with America's workers, to stand for American prosperity, and stand for a better nominee for the Department of Labor.

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. MCCORMICK for his words. Indeed, the President should pick someone else. Almost anyone else.

What is so really puzzling, mind-boggling about this nomination is that the President has chosen to elevate the one person in the country who presided over a fraud on this scale, the single worst performing Secretary of Labor of any State in the country.

Why would he do that?

That brings us to the final facet of Ms. Su's tenure that I wish to discuss and that Mr. MCCORMICK touched upon as well, which is her ruthless enforcement of the labor law known as AB 5, which President Biden has cited as his model for the Nation.

Su's historic failure to deliver unemployment checks to millions of Californians along with her allowance of this massive fraud is disqualifying in its own right, but I actually think it is her mistreatment of California workers that is most concerning of all.

AB 5 was a law passed in California in 2019. It rendered countless independent professionals unable to earn a living in our State. Writers, interpreters, court reporters, musicians, language pathologists, photographers, forensic nurses, people in literally hundreds of other professions were told they were no longer allowed to practice their profession and serve their clients as they had been doing their whole careers.

Instead, their only option was to find a single hiring entity to monopolize their services and make them a W-2 employee. For many, that simply was not possible, and so they lost everything.

Take, for example, a woman named Jodie, who said: I worked years to gain my skills as an American Sign Language interpreter. It was my goal since I was 9 years old. After AB 5, I lost all three of my agencies. The dream I worked for is lost. I can't provide for my family, and thousands of California deaf won't be serviced.

Andy said: I work with underserved artists of color. None of my career as an artist, technician, designer, and producer would have been possible under AB 5. Artists of color will be less able to create their own work in a field that doesn't favor them.

Jared said: AB 5 forced me to shut down my business. I went from making \$80,000 a year in home services to a minimum wage employee. My family trade is gone. I have gone from working 4 days a week to spend time with my kids to not knowing if I can make ends meet working 7 days.

Kathy said: I am a 71-year-old transcriber. I raised six kids and went to work in my 40s, but I had to retire at 62 due to health issues. I depend on my at-home transcription pay to survive and pay my bills. For 8 years, I did okay, until AB 5.

Julie Su has been called an architect of this law, and she is supporting a Federal version that is estimated to

cost millions of American workers their livelihoods. After her enactment in California—and this is the important thing, given that this is now percolating up into Federal law—she used her position as labor secretary to broaden the destructive impact of the law by enforcing it as aggressively as possible.

In fact—and I think this is maybe the most concerning thing—she exploited the COVID-19 shutdowns to hammer the law in even more. She continued with harassing audits, trying to find businesses to hit with fines and penalties. I personally asked the EDD to stop doing this during the COVID shutdowns, and they refused to do so, continuing to target small businesses.

She even defied the will of Congress in the process. Congress had provided benefits to independent contractors through the CARES Act, but put States in charge of distributing those benefits. Under Julie Su, the EDD wrongfully withheld those benefits, as she aimed to exploit the sudden need that independent contractors had to interface with her department. She wanted them to go through the regular unemployment channel, which they weren't supposed to go through, so that she could get access to information that could be used then to conduct more audits and go after more small businesses and to put more people out of work.

You don't need to take my word for this, either. California Congressman ADAM SCHIFF wrote a letter to Secretary Su in April of 2020 rebuking her for failing to release the benefits independent contractors were owed under the CARES Act and requesting urgently that she do so.

Now, tellingly, with Julie Su's confirmation for Secretary of Labor now appearing to be in doubt, her backers are making a last-ditch attempt to save her nomination by absurdly trying to dissociate her from AB 5. None other than the author of AB 5 itself, a major Su backer who now leads the California Labor Federation, told the L.A. Times that Su "was not involved with the bill at all."

Yet Su, in her own words, after the law was passed, described in detail her plans for enforcing AB 5 as California labor secretary: "So we will be doing investigations and audits," she said, threatening fines and penalties, "so that those who want to comply with the need to reclassify can do so and those who don't will understand that's not the kind of economy we want in California."

"Not the kind of economy we want in California," those are her words. Julie Su didn't want an economy in California where you can pursue your own calling, support your family on your own terms, and thrive. She doesn't want that for America, either. That is why Joe Biden has selected her for Labor Secretary, to wage his war on independent contractors, and we simply cannot let that happen.

In closing, there are many, many organizations across the country who have expressed their opposition to the nomination and confirmation of Julie Su for Labor Secretary. I will just list some of them: there is the Air Conditioning Contractors of America; American Hotel and Lodging Association; American Trucking Associations; Americans for Tax Reform; Associated Builders and Contractors; Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers; Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise; Coalition of Franchisee Associations; Consumer Technology Association; Franchise Business Services; Flex Association; Heating, Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International; Independent Bakers Association; Independent Electrical Contractors; Institute for the American Worker; International Franchise Association; International Warehouse Logistics Association; Association of Independent Professionals and the Self-Employed; Leading Builders of America; National Armored Car Association; National Association of Home Builders; National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors; National Council of Chain Restaurants; National Federation of Independent Business; National Franchisee Association; International Franchise Association; National Grocers Association; National Ready Mixed Concrete Association; National Restaurant Association; Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association; DoorDash; Lyft; Competitive Enterprise Institute; TechNet; Fight for Freelancers; Freelancers Against AB5; California Business and Industrial Alliance; Workplace Policy Institute; Job Creators Network; Institute for the American Worker.

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You have also had State-level associations weigh in in opposition: for example, in Arizona, the Builders Alliance; Construction Trades; Franchise Action Network; Lodging and Tourism Association; Restaurant Association; Small Business Association; Transportation Builders Association; Trucking Association; and the Independent Electrical Contractors.

In West Virginia, you have the Associated Builders and Contractors; Independent Electrical Contractors Chesapeake; the Franchise Action Network; the Hospitality and Travel Association; the Manufacturers Association; Oil Marketers and Grocers Association; Retailers Association; and Trucking Association.

I encourage Members of the United States Senate to join this broad coalition of small businesses and workers across the country who know that we deserve and need better than the Secretary of Labor.

I urge Members of the United States Senate to reject this nomination, and I urge the President to appoint a Secretary of Labor who will be on the side of American workers.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN).

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, that is what you call making it just in time. I thank the gentleman from California for yielding just a little time in this Special Order hour in order for me to recognize a very special group of students down in Clinton, South Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Clinton High School and Clinton Middle School Olympiad teams for both bringing home the State championship in Charleston this past month and qualifying for the National Science Olympiad tournament in Kansas this May.

Now, the Science Olympiad was founded in 1984 as the premier team STEM competition in the Nation and provides standards-based challenges to 6,000 teams at 425 tournaments in all 50 States.

Winning the State Olympiad is a tremendous accomplishment alone, but the fact that Clinton has a history of excellence in the Science Olympiad is even more impressive.

Listen to this: Clinton has been involved in the Olympiad since 1986, and I am proud of Clinton's continued success in this competition.

The Clinton Middle School, formerly Bell Street Middle School where my sons went to middle school, has won the State Olympiad title 19 times in the last 21 years—19 times in the last 21 years—and Clinton High School has won the State title 12 of the last 15 years.

I congratulate the coaches and members of the Clinton State Championship Science Olympiad team for their win this year and applaud them for their wins over the years.

This year's middle school team included Jackie Alcludia, Liam Bell, Madison Boyter, Lauren Ficklin, Sam Hunt, Salaam Jenkins, Jacob King, Matthew King, Shayne Kiselak, Hank Lanford, Landen Lowman, Kelly Nelson, Sidney Nelson, Arohi Patel, Shrey Patel, Ada Tiller, Brian Phillips, Aubrie Watts, Ben Wiggins, and Marlee Williamson.

This year's high school team included Kaelyn Bell, Jules Darden, Keegan Fortman, Julieta Garcia, Becca King, Anna Litzenberger, Addison Lowman, Shane Nelson, Junia Nolan, Wes Ray, Helen Sarah, Bailey Suarez, and Rachel Vondergeest.

Now, of course, we have to remember the coaches because a team is only as good as the leadership, so you have head coach Terri O'Shields and David O'Shields, who is our superintendent in that district. They are both dear friends of mine.

Kevin Cox, Michael Mack, JASON SMITH, Ami Vaughn, Allison Lanford, Stan Walsh, Jimbo Langston, Scott Shiflet, Dianne Summer, Sharon Lone, David Bell, Katie Scarlett, Maggie O'Shields, and Asheton Wilbanks.

Clinton High School defeated 14 other high school teams to win, and they brought home the gold medal in astronomy, bridge building, chemistry lab, dynamic planet, environmental

chemistry, forestry, remote sensing, and the WiFi lab. What great categories for STEM education.

Clinton Middle School defeated all of its competition in each event.

Congratulations to the students of Clinton High School and Clinton Middle School for another Science Olympiad State championship.

Their success is a testament not only to their talent and the hard work that they put in and the dedication, but it is a testament to the leaders and the teachers and the coaches that really helped them navigate this success.

South Carolina is rooting for them as they compete in the National Science Olympiad tournament next month. They have bright futures, and they are the innovators of tomorrow. The sky is the limit.

I thank them for what they do. I congratulate them on their win, and God bless them.

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN) for 30 minutes.

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I will address an issue that will not affect us until the second half of this century, an issue that I first addressed 23 years ago; the first year of this century.

It is the issue of engineered intelligence. The race that the engineers don't know that they are in. A race between the bioengineers and DNA and the computer engineers and artificial intelligence, AI, to create a new level of intelligence on this planet; in effect, to develop our successor species.

AI will have dramatic effects in the short-term. It will have benefits because it is a powerful tool. It will be used by evil men and women because it is a powerful tool.

They will use it to accomplish their goals, and sometimes they will make mistakes. They will invade privacy. They will deny loans to people who should get them for wrongful reasons.

These are issues that we have faced in the last hundred years wherein this or that technology has invaded our privacy or discriminated against people in this or that financial transaction.

My focus is the second half of this century when we will face issues far beyond that.

As to artificial intelligence, Elon Musk and Steve Wozniak and others have asked for a 6-month delay, but we will not see a 6-month delay in our research.

Frankly, a 6-month delay wouldn't accomplish much because the issues surrounding AI are intractable, and we have squandered at least 23 years in failing to deal with them. Another 6 months will do us little good.

I commend the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and I don't commend KEVIN MCCARTHY all that often,

for bringing the entire House together 2 days ago to focus on the artificial intelligence issue and to hear from Professors Torralba and Madry of MIT.

The professors showed us that AI clearly has met the Turing Test. The Turing Test was set forward by Professor Turing many, many decades ago.

Professor Turing was the subject of the Imitation Game, one of the most brilliant computer professors we have ever had, that the western world has ever had.

That test was that you would have a text chat with a computer and not be able to tell whether you were talking to a human or to a computer.

At that point, computers would have reached human levels of intelligence. Well, we have clearly gotten to that level. We call it ChatGPT. Chat is right in the name.

Today's computers cheat on the Turing Test. It is no longer a valid test because today's computers have something Professor Turing from the 1940s and 1950s could not have imagined, and that is the internet.

They are able to mimic a human response just by looking at every other human response to a similar statement or question by looking at the entire internet.

As the MIT professors pointed out, it is kind of like a parrot; able to say something that under some circumstances might be the right response without understanding the words.

AI will not, therefore, probably be intelligent the way I would view it for decades. We will need a new test, not the Turing Test.

For now, AI is a tool. It is a great tool, as was writing and fire and jet travel and the internet. We will be able to deal with that tool.

The second half of this century will see an AI that is intelligent, that has—or might very well see this. It may very well be self-aware, aware that it exists and that it exists on a planet that can be affected things outside of its own existence.

AI may have volition; will. It may have ambition, the desire to survive, perhaps the desire to propagate, and in any case, the desire to affect the world so as to achieve its own survival. AI is a powerful tool.

China is not going to stop developing it for the next 6 months. American corporations see big profits. They are not going to stop developing it.

The private sector isn't going to spend much of its money making sure that AI is trustworthy. They are going to try to make sure that AI is profitable.

We need to be concerned about an AI that is self-aware and ambitious. Such an AI will have risks that are beyond the apocalypse to the human race.

Therefore, I propose that 10 percent of all the money we spend on AI research be used to prevent and monitor for self-awareness, volition, and ambition. Perhaps also to monitor for AI's

awareness that we are monitoring it for those purposes.

If someone, some futurist is describing what the second half of this century will look like, and they paint a picture that seems to be a science fiction movie, they might be wrong. They might be right.

If a futurist paints a picture of the future that doesn't look like a science fiction movie, you know they are wrong. Our children will be living in a science fiction movie; we just don't know which one.

Let us not build Skynet. If you remember the Terminator movies, you will remember that Skynet destroyed most of the human race just seconds before it thought correctly that it was going to be unplugged.

Terminator was a great movie to watch, a terrible movie to live in, and I don't know if we can count on Sarah Connor.

There are two advantages that the human race has in preventing self-aware and ambitious AI. First, we are designing the AI, and we may understand what we are doing while we are doing it. We might.

Second, the machines are inherently, from our experience, not volitional, not ambitious. Go to the largest computer and say to the computer, I am planning to unplug you, break you up, and sell you for parts, and that computer will help you calculate how much money you can get for the parts.

Now let's look at genetic engineering, bioengineering. While the largest computer seems fine with being unplugged, the smallest insect does not.

Try stepping on a cockroach and see whether it is okay with being unplugged. The DNA, which didn't care whether it survived, didn't care to propagate, didn't, and isn't with us.

We may see genetic engineers, DNA engineers, start with human DNA and create a 1,000-pound mammal with a 100-pound brain that is going to beat your kids on the law school admissions test. That mammal, like every other mammal, will probably have a survival instinct.

Today's big headlines are about ChatGPT and artificial intelligence. Last year's big headline was about CRISPR, a new technology for the DNA engineers to use, and those headlines may turn out to be more important.

It will be hard to limit genetic engineering because initially, it will help deal with human tragedy. We will use genetic engineering to help cure disease.

Genetic engineering will help the impaired human, will help to decrease disease or syndromes. First, we will see us create the non-impaired human, the repaired human, and only then will we go forward to the transhuman.

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There is a second issue, kind of something off to the side, and that is some world leaders—and I am looking at you

Kim Jong-un—will seek to create submissive or subservient humans genetically.

Third, also off to the side, there are animal rights advocates who have argued that animals have reached a point where they deserve constitutional rights. Well, when genetic engineers create a pet dog or a working dog with near human intelligence, those animal rights advocates may have a point.

Let us return to the great race to create transhuman intelligence that is self-aware and ambitious. We need rules regarding genetic engineering that make it plain that while it is okay to seek to prevent intellectual disability, it is not okay to use genetic engineering to create intelligence beyond that of the average human.

Of course, we need to prevent the use of genetic engineering to create animals of greater intelligence than that animal species or humans of impaired will or impaired intelligence.

We do know one thing: Intelligence is the most powerful thing on the planet. It is intelligence that gave us fire. It is intelligence that gave us nuclear fusion. It is intelligence that gives us an unending supply of cat videos on our phone.

The last time a new level of intelligence arose on this planet it was when our ancestors said hello to a Neanderthal. It didn't work out for the Neanderthal.

There is a race between the computer engineers and AI and the bioengineers and DNA to develop the next level of intelligence, perhaps to create our successor species.

Will the next dominant species on this planet be carbon-based or silicon-based, the product of genetic engineering or the product of computer engineering?

Artificial intelligence is in the lead, creating an incredible level of intelligence that is useful to us now and is progressing at the speed of computing. Genetic engineering starts with the raw material that has a survival instinct and ambition.

I don't know who will win this race. I am old-fashioned. I am rooting for team human, which may not even be in the race.

RECENT EVENTS IN PAKISTAN

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to address recent events in Pakistan. In evaluating those events, some would say that America should root for whichever political leader styles themselves as more pro-American and has been easier for us to deal with on this or that bilateral issue.

I would say—and I think the State Department agrees—that what comes first is our dedication to democracy and the rule of law. Imran Khan was difficult for us to deal with; Prime Minister Sharif is somewhat easier. The question is democracy and the rule of law.

The Supreme Court of Pakistan has ruled that there should be provincial elections in Punjab and later on in another province. That is the rule of law.

I believe that supreme court has ruled that its initial ruling is final and unappealable, and the supreme court has ordered that the funds be released as are necessary to hold those provincial elections.

America stands not with this policy or that policy or a government that will agree with us on this issue or that issue. America stands for democracy and the rule of law. America also stands for human rights and the right of free speech and the right to express one's opinions. I, of course, have been concerned about some of the terrible disappearances, some of the abuses of human rights, some of the substantial evidence of torture.

We need human rights and democracy in Pakistan. We need the rule of law. America stands not with its short-term bilateral concerns but with our dedication to democracy and human rights.

Most important of all, Pakistan has national elections set forth in October, and nothing is more important for Pakistan than that those elections be timely, legitimate, fair, and that whoever wins the elections be allowed to govern.

WAR IN ETHIOPIA, TIGRAY

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I will turn my attention to an issue that too many in Washington didn't pay attention to, as over 600,000 people died, and now some are not paying attention to the theory that the problem is over. I speak of northern Ethiopia, Tigray.

While the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement was signed in November, the Tigrayan people continue to face ethnic violence and discrimination. Earlier this month, the AP reported that Amhara forces have renewed their campaign of ethnic cleansing against Tigrayan civilians and have uprooted roughly 47,000 Tigrayans from areas in southern Tigray just since March. The Amhara forces are carrying out this campaign of ethnic cleansing through forced evictions, harassment, and murder.

Throughout all history, ethnic cleansing and genocide have gone together. This is not a standalone event, but rather, follows a horrific campaign of ethnic cleansing of Tigrayan civilians by Amhara regional forces that began in the year 2020.

Last year, Secretary Blinken publicly recognized that "Members of the Amhara forces also committed the crime against humanity of deportation or forcible transfer and committed ethnic cleansing in western Tigray," in addition to "war crimes" and "crimes against humanity, including murder, rape and other forms of sexual violence and persecution." This is on top of the involvement of Eritrean forces in Tigray. Eritrea is a separate country. It has no business having its troops anywhere in Ethiopia.

The determination made by our State Department on what is happening in Tigray follows extensive reporting by Human Rights Watch and

Amnesty International in April of 2022, which documented: "... Ethiopian federal forces, systematically expelled several hundred thousand Tigrayan civilians from their homes using threats, unlawful killings, sexual violence, mass arbitrary detention, pillage, forcible transfer, and the denial of humanitarian assistance."

We have many things going on in the world. I know that most of our foreign policy or a very large chunk of it is focused on events in Eastern Europe and Ukraine, but Washington cannot turn away from this issue, nor can we assume that the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement solves the problem.

The people of Tigray deserve our attention and the engagement of the United States and the entire international community. Our leaders in Washington need to focus on what has been the most deadly event of the last several years.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON).

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEXAS TECH

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the anniversary of a west Texas treasure. 100 years ago today, Governor Pat Neff signed senate bill 103 that created what would become my proud alma mater: Texas Tech University.

Today, Texas Tech's student population consists of 40,000 of the best and brightest young men and women from around the country and the world.

I love Texas Tech and everything it represents. Our first president Paul Horn said it best: "Everything that is done on these West Texas Plains ought to be on a big scale. . . . Let our thoughts be big thoughts and broad thoughts. Let our thinking be in world-wide terms."

Texas Tech has embodied that vision. Its students and alumni have lived up to that calling for an entire century. I am so proud to bear our banner far and wide.

On behalf of Red Raider Nation, as we strive for honor ever more, happy 100th birthday to Texas Tech. Wreck 'em, get your guns up, and God bless west Texas.

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, seeing no one else who wishes me to yield them time, I yield back the balance of my time.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I think the next 2½ months of this institution are going to be consumed with the budget and the amount of spending. I don't think the press has done an adequate job of alerting the public to the crisis we currently have.

As we have talked before, we are headed towards the Federal debt of \$31

trillion being 100 percent of GDP. Of course, over time as the value of the dollar changes, it sometimes makes it difficult to see exactly how bad that is. The last time the debt was as great as the Gross National Product was the end of World War II.

Now, at the end of World War II, America was very economically strong because Japan and Europe were flattened by the end of World War II, but even more, we knew at the end of World War II that we were going to lay off hundreds of thousands of military personnel. We knew the factories would stop building the ships, the planes, and the tanks that were necessary for World War II, and therefore, we knew we were heading into a time of dramatically decreased spending.

That is exactly what happened. At the end of World War II, slowly we dropped from 100 percent of GDP debt ratio down to a little over 20 percent. Things were really getting under control. We were a little bit over 20 percent during the Presidency of Richard Nixon. Then things began to slowly rise again. Recently, in part with COVID and in part the completely reckless spending under President Biden, we are headed back to 100 percent again.

The American public has to stop and think. While we knew at the end of World War II spending was inevitably going to drop, we live during a time of an aging population in which the amount of money we are spending on Medicare and Social Security is going to continue to go up if we do nothing else.

Now, we sure should never, ever cut Social Security. I will not do that. We should not be reducing any Medicare benefits. That means we have to look at the rest of the budget.

What do we see is President Biden's vision for America?

Let's look at the budget that he has already proposed for the calendar year beginning October 1. Line after line after line does not show the cuts that are necessary that the Republican Party is prepared to make.

The Department of Agriculture is up 14 percent. The Department of Commerce is up 11 percent. The Department of Education is up 13½ percent. The Department of Energy is up 13½ percent. The Department of Interior is up over 9 percent. The Department of Labor is up 11 percent. The Department of State, which is wasteful, is up 11 percent. The Department of the Treasury is up 15 percent. The Department of the Treasury, of course, includes a nice equity advisory board. The Environmental Protection Agency is up 19 percent. The National Science Foundation is up 18 percent.

Wherever you look, President Biden has responded to the greatest debt-to-GDP ratio in my lifetime by raising spending 8, 9, 10 percent. The only areas without significant increases are the military, despite President Biden, as far as I can see, doing very little to

try to end the war in Ukraine, and the southern border.

By the way, I want to repeat an anecdote to let the Chair know exactly the mindset of the Biden administration when it comes to Homeland Security.

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I was down on that border 2 weeks ago. I have been a fan of drug dogs, which are so necessary, given that the majority of drugs that flow across the border, killing 107,000 Americans, are very handy for the Border Patrol and ICE.

I asked a member of the Border Patrol union down there what he thought of the dogs, figuring he would, of course, want more. He said, no, they don't need more dogs because the last time the Border Patrol got more dogs, under President Biden—they bought 38 new dogs, not to sniff out drugs, not to prevent the killing of over 100,000 Americans a year. What did they do with the new dogs? They got therapy dogs because they heard the Border Patrol was stressed.

Of course, the Border Patrol is stressed. You have so many people coming across the border, and the administration is not acting or making the policy changes necessary to control the border.

What can you say for an administration when, presented with the possibility of new dogs at the border, it feels the priority is therapy dogs? If the Border Patrol agents feel stressed, they have a dog to pet.

That is a true story of the priorities of the Biden administration at the border.

In any event, you can see virtually many agencies with over 10 percent increases, with the major outlier there being defense and homeland security.

We should comment a little bit more on the equity advisory board at Treasury. Not only does the Department of the Treasury have new bureaucrats designed to determine how we are going to treat people—by race, sex, or sexual preference—these new boards or commissions are put throughout the new budget. The function of these boards, I feel, is to divide America.

Rather than being the America that is the meritocracy that our forefathers envisioned in which everybody is being treated equally, the Biden administration, in the name of diversity, is including bureaucrats everywhere to determine who gets hired, who gets promoted, and who gets the relevant grants.

This is something that people are afraid to talk about, and I don't like to talk about it, but do we want to head into being a country—other countries have gone down this path—in which they say X number of people of this background have to be government employees here or grants have to go there.

It always results in very hard feelings. When you begin to hire people by that, you are not always hiring the best people.

I think Americans have to ask themselves, as we train the new generation of doctors, as we train the new generation of air traffic controllers, as we train the new generation of engineers, which determine the viability of our manufacturing as we compete with companies abroad, are we going to continue to hire the best and allow the best to be promoted? Or are we going to fall back into some sort of Third World country in which we divide our Nation by what other countries would call tribes? They might be religious or whatever.

I will repeat an anecdote I talked about last week, which I don't think the national press corps has picked up on, but they should pick up on.

Not long after President Biden took office, two Democratic Senators, TAMMY DUCKWORTH and MAZIE HIRONO, one from Illinois and one from Hawaii, said that they would not vote for any more of President Biden's appointees if they were White men, unless they were gay.

Now, that is an awkward thing to talk about. It is kind of scary that we had two U.S. Senators taking such a divisive position.

Then, we had a legal journal that did a little bit of research a couple of months ago on the judicial appointments by President Biden. Ninety-seven judicial appointments—the author of this article, I talked to her, was not even for or against it. She really had no opinions on what she found. Of the 97 new judges, only five were White men, and at least two of those five—might be more—were gay.

At least when it comes to judicial appointments, President Biden is following the path of a kind of dislike, almost hatred, for people who used to make up the majority of this country.

I hope more studies are done along those lines, and I hope there is a little bit of outrage because I have a feeling President Biden may be following down the same path when it comes to other appointees and, quite frankly, doing all he can to get the same sort of ratios when it comes to government spending, or trying to do this when it comes to businesses that do business with the government.

We recently heard, as well, that the Biden administration is doing what they can to penalize frugal borrowers. What they want to do is, if you want to borrow money from a bank and you are a good credit risk because you are not a spendthrift, they feel that you ought to have to pay a higher interest rate because they want to subsidize people who spend all their money and don't save money. They feel those people should get a lower interest rate.

I think this diversity has gotten out of control. There is a huge cost related to it. We have heard in the committee that I am on that there are bureaucratic diversity professionals who are making \$200,000 a year in our universities. More of these people are going to have to be hired by private business.

It is, first of all, at a time when we have a labor shortage insofar as there are people looking for new jobs. Those jobs should be in manufacturing, construction, agriculture, and even tourism. Wherever you look, we need more people, not more highly paid bureaucrats who, when they look at people, solely view people by race, gender, or sexual preference.

In any event, I hope the press does a better job of going through President Biden's recommendations line by line in the budget and see where there are the types of things we would look to see for a country that is in deep danger by the overall amount of debt we have. Particularly, I hope the press corps homes in on these new bureaucrats as to exactly what they are doing since their job is not to do anything productive but just make sure that everybody in the Federal Government looks at people as a token of race, gender, or sexual preference.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON).

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Wisconsin, my fellow Budget Committee member, for his passion to save this country from a sovereign debt crisis and protect our Nation's next generation from reaping the whirlwind of this reckless spending and unsustainable debt path that we are on.

We must fight for the future of our country. All the things that are talked about in this great Chamber, all the great ideas, and all the threats that are posed to this country of ours and its future will all be undermined and jeopardized because we will have failed to simply steward the taxpayers' resources and our children's future.

I thank the gentleman for his leadership and his passion.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GENERAL BERNHARD MITTEMAYER

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a true American hero and a very dear friend, General Bernhard Mittemeyer, who passed away this January after 92 rich, full, extraordinary years. He was a first-generation immigrant from South America who really lived the American Dream.

After 28 years in the military, he rose to the rank of general. He served as surgeon general of the Army under President Reagan, and he received a number of awards and recognitions, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, which is the highest peacetime award in the military.

I worked with him at Texas Tech, where he was a physician. He was the dean of the medical school, and he was the president of the Health Sciences Center.

He had an indomitable spirit. He had an infectious optimism. All of those things helped culminate in his leadership efforts to create the super-clinic for treating and servicing our wounded warriors in west Texas, in partnership

with Texas Tech. It has been a phenomenal asset for veterans in the western part of Texas. That is going to be one of many, but, I am sure, for him, it was the most special legacy that he left for the people of west Texas.

Mr. Speaker, it was an honor to know him. I am a better man for having come alongside him in my time at Texas Tech.

I also want to say of his wife, Marie Beth, that we love her and the Mitemeyer family. We are praying for them. We know that the general has gone to the great commander in chief in Heaven, and he is in a great place. He is alive as he has ever been.

We will be with General Mitemeyer once again. I take great hope and joy in that.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to the gentleman from Wisconsin for his indulgence.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-817. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination and certification; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-818. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 23-010, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-819. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 22-034, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-820. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 22-081, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-821. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Determination and Certification Relating to the Largest Exporting and Importing Countries of Certain Precursor Chemicals from the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. McCARTHY (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. COSTA,

Mr. VALADAO, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. KILEY, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. BERA, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. ISSA, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. CORREA, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. DUARTE, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. TIFFANY, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Ms. ROSS, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. BENTZ, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. FULCHER, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. LAMBORN, Mrs. PELTOLA, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Mr. MOORE of Utah):

H.R. 2989. A bill to improve the health and resiliency of giant sequoias, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 2990. A bill to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 to address sexual harassment involving National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. OGLES (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. CLOUD, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. AMODEI, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, and Mr. CLYDE):

H.R. 2991. A bill to eliminate the prohibition on training teachers with effective defensive tools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Mr. GALLEGO, Mrs. SYKES, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. SOTO, and Ms. BROWN):

H.R. 2992. A bill to reauthorize title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BANKS:

H.R. 2993. A bill to counter the military-civil fusion strategy of the Chinese Communist Party and prevent United States contributions to the development of dual-use technology in China; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Energy and Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms.

TLAIB, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mrs. PELTOLA, and Mrs. HAYES):

H.R. 2994. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish the Reentry Rental Assistance and Housing Services Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. BICE (for herself, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. LUCAS):

H.R. 2995. A bill to authorize the National Mesonet Program of the National Weather Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mrs. BICE (for herself and Ms. STEVENS):

H.R. 2996. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to permit leave for an employee to meet their needs related to being a victim of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or stalking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Accountability, and House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. BOEBERT (for herself, Mr. BUCK, and Mr. LAMBORN):

H.R. 2997. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to Mesa County, Colorado, certain Federal land in Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. WASSERMAN

SCHULTZ, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GRIMALVA, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. OMAR, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. HAYES, and Ms. PINGREE):

H.R. 2998. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for high gravity violations, to adjust penalties for inflation, to provide rights for victims or their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DELUZIO (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 2999. A bill to authorize the declaration of a hazardous train event, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas):

H.R. 3000. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion of Pell Grants from gross income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DONALDS (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. CAREY, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, and Mrs. BOEBERT):

H.R. 3001. A bill to require the Secretary of Education to implement corrective measures for a local educational agency or institution of higher education that prohibits or constrains fossil fuel sector employment recruitment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. FINSTAD (for himself and Mr. STAUBER):

H.R. 3002. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to reduce the population definition of rural area to 20,000 to restrict eligibility to be considered under the rural surface transportation grant program; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. GAETZ, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY):

H.R. 3003. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to restrict trading and ownership of certain financial instruments by Members of Congress and their spouses and dependents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.R. 3004. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a temporary expansion of health insurance premium tax credits for certain low-income populations, and to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a Federal Medicaid program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GARBARINO (for himself, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. CALVERT):

H.R. 3005. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to modify the role and duties of United States Postal Service police officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. GARCIA of Texas (for herself, Ms. LEE of California, and Ms. SCHOLTEN):

H.R. 3006. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to carry out a grant program to support the placement of students and licensed professional social workers in public libraries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 3007. A bill to modify the boundary of the Mammoth Cave National Park in the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. JACOBS (for herself, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, and Mr. MILLS):

H.R. 3008. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for notification by manufacturers of critical essential medicines of increased demand of such drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 3009. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program to pre-

program suicide prevention resources into certain smart devices issued to members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi:

H.R. 3010. A bill to direct the Attorney General to make campus law enforcement agencies eligible for certain grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KILMER (for himself, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. STEWART, Mr. RYAN, Mr. NICKEL, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. TONKO, Ms. WILD, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. MCCLELLAN, Ms. TITUS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. NORCROSS):

H.R. 3011. A bill to establish a task force of the Department of Defense on mental health; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. KIM of California (for herself and Mr. BERA):

H.R. 3012. A bill to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. COSTA, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. HARDER of California):

H.R. 3013. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to modify certain regulations relating to the requirements for commercial driver's license testing and commercial learner's permit holders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself and Mr. HIMES):

H.R. 3014. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a system for the taxation of catastrophic risk transfer companies to ensure sufficient capital to cover catastrophic insurance losses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LALOTA:

H.R. 3015. A bill to reduce the number of members of the Armed Forces stationed in certain foreign countries with which the United States does not have a proper and enforceable Status of Forces Agreement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 3016. A bill to amend the Anti-Boycott Act of 2018 to apply the provisions of that Act to international governmental organizations; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. MATSUI (for herself and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska):

H.R. 3017. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to skilled nursing facilities for primary immunodeficiency patients; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. MCBATH (for herself and Mr. CARBAJAL):

H.R. 3018. A bill to authorize the issuance of extreme risk protection orders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MCBATH (for herself and Mr. ARMSTRONG):

H.R. 3019. A bill to establish an inspections regime for the Bureau of Prisons, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. MILLS (for himself, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. HERN, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BABIN, and Mr. LAMALFA):

H.R. 3020. A bill to provide for the application of sanctions regarding Mahan Air; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MOONEY (for himself, Mr. ROSE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. OGLES, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. SELF, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. PERRY, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. GOSAR, Mrs. BOEBERT, and Mr. CLOUD):

H.R. 3021. A bill to prohibit the use of a merchant category code that separately identifies firearms merchants or ammunition merchants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. NORCROSS (for himself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. PORTER, Ms. TLAB, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. POCAN, Ms. OMAR, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. MCGARVEY, and Ms. CROCKETT):

H.R. 3022. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to establish Workers' Memorial Day as a Federal holiday; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. PERRY (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mr. VALADAO):

H.R. 3023. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to furnish stellate ganglion block to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PHILLIPS (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. MATSUI):

H.R. 3024. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to permit additional leave for bone marrow or blood stem cell donation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Accountability, and House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. PLASKETT:

H.R. 3025. A bill to provide for no net increase in the total acreage of Federal land in the Virgin Islands National Park on St. John, United States Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. PLASKETT:

H.R. 3026. A bill to provide for the adoption of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands as the constitution of the United States Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. PORTER (for herself and Ms. STANSBURY):

H.R. 3027. A bill to reauthorize funding for the Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH of Washington:

H.R. 3028. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish a program to facilitate the transition to tuition-free community college in certain States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SMUCKER (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. SCHNEIDER):

H.R. 3029. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals with direct primary care service arrangements to remain eligible individuals for purposes of health savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SORESENSEN:

H.R. 3030. A bill to amend subsection (q) of section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the process for denying certain petitions whose primary purpose is to delay the approval of an application submitted under subsection (b)(2) or (j) of such section 505, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. STANSBURY (for herself, Mr.

RASKIN, Mr. TRONE, Ms. BUSH, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. POCAN, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MENG, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. PORTER, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. CHU, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. OMAR, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. COHEN, Ms. PINGREE, and Mr. KILMER):

H.R. 3031. A bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. STAUBER (for himself and Ms. CRAIG):

H.R. 3032. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the charitable mileage rate with the business travel rate; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. STEEL (for herself, Mrs. LEE

of Nevada, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. FALLON, Mr. TRONE, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. MENG, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. CLINE, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mrs. LESKO, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. CISCOMANI, Ms. WILD, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. SCHNEIDER, and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio):

H.R. 3033. A bill to repeal the sunset provision of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, the Judiciary, Ways and Means, and Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. VAN DUYN:

H.R. 3034. A bill to require the Secretary of State to revoke any United States passport issued to an individual, on receipt of a certification by the Secretary of Health and Human Services that the individual has a child support arrearage exceeding \$2,500; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. HERN):

H.R. 3035. A bill to require the President to make a determination with respect to the

application of sanctions with respect to certain officials of the Government of Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas (for himself,

Ms. WATERS, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. NORTON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. TRONE, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. BROWN, Mr. POCAN, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. CARSON, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Mr. EVANS):

H. Res. 337. A resolution promoting and supporting the goals and ideals of the Fair Housing Act and recognizing April 2023 as “Fair Housing Month”, which includes bringing attention to the discrimination faced by everyday Americans in the United States in housing and housing-related transactions on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, familial status, disability, and religion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for him-

self, Ms. CHU, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. BACON, Ms. CROCKETT, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. MENG):

H. Res. 338. A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 30, 2023, as “National Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Awareness Day”; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mr.

AMODEI, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. LAMALFA, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. BUCHSON, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. FALLON, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. OWENS, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. MANN, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. STEWART, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. ISSA, Mr. ESTES, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. NEHLS, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN):

H. Res. 339. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy is the most viable approach to energy policy; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. Res. 340. A resolution recognizing the disenfranchisement of District of Columbia residents, calling for statehood for the District of Columbia through the enactment of the Washington, D.C. Admission Act, and expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2023, as “D.C. Statehood Day”; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, Armed Services, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ROSE (for himself, Mr. PAYNE,

Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. POSEY, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. TORRES of

New York, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. SOTO, Mr. POCAN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. CARSON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. BUSH, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. MFUME, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H. Res. 341. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that it is important to maintain cash as a robust and viable payment option; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. STEEL (for herself, Mr.

CORREA, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. COSTA):

H. Res. 342. A resolution recognizing the 48th anniversary of Black April and the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. TORRES of California (for her-

self, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. CHU, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. HARDER of California, Ms. PETERSEN, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. COSTA, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. BERA, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. AGUILAR, and Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE):

H. Res. 343. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of April 30 through May 6, 2023, as Wildfire Preparedness Week, the national event educating the public on fire safety and preparedness, and supporting the goals of a Wildfire Preparedness Week; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. TORRES of New York (for him-

self, Mr. ESPAILLAT, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ):

H. Res. 344. A resolution expressing the sense that there should be established a “National Garifuna Immigrant Heritage Month” in April to celebrate the great contributions of Americans of Garifuna immigrant heritage in the United States who have enriched the history of the Nation; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself and Mr. CRENSHAW):

H. Res. 345. A resolution recognizing that infertility is a widespread problem that affects populations of diverse ages, races, ethnicities, and genders; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WEBER of Texas (for himself,

Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. TRONE, Ms. WILD, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. ZINKE, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. MANN, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. BURGESS, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mrs. HOUGHIN, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. PENCE, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. LATTI, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. BABIN, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. PALMER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. HARRIS):

H. Res. 346. A resolution reaffirming the support of the United States to our strongest ally in the region, Israel, and recognizing the authoritarian and extremist regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran as a threat to Israel, the region, the United States, and global stability; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. WEXTON (for herself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H. Res. 347. A resolution expressing support for designation of the month of April 2023 as “Parkinson’s Awareness Month”; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. MCCARTHY:

H.R. 2989.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, clause 2 and Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To improve the health and resiliency of giant sequoias.

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 2990.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Sexual Harassment and Assault

By Mr. OGLES:

H.R. 2991.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To eliminate the prohibition on training teachers with effective defensive tools.

By Ms. ADAMS:

H.R. 2992.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

The Educators for America Act will help build a pipeline to improving our education retention and training.

By Mr. BANKS:

H.R. 2993.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

The single subject of this legislation is:

Foreign Affairs

By Ms. BARRAGÁN:

H.R. 2994.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill establishes the Reentry Rental Assistance and Housing Services Grant Program to provide funding for housing assistance and supportive services for individuals returning from incarceration.

By Mrs. BICE:

H.R. 2995.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Authorizes the National Weather Service National Mesonet Program

By Mrs. BICE:

H.R. 2996.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Amends the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

By Mrs. BOEBERT:

H.R. 2997.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

The single subject of this legislation is:

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to convey 31.1 acres, slated for disposal and that the federal government no longer wants, to Mesa County, Colorado

By Mr. COURTNEY:

H.R. 2998.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Workplace safety and health

By Mr. DELUZIO:

H.R. 2999.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

Public Safety

By Mr. DOGGETT:

H.R. 3000.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

A bill to simplify the tax code.

By Mr. DONALDS:

H.R. 3001.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art. I, Sec. 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Labor

By Mr. FINSTAD:

H.R. 3002.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Amending the definition of “rural area” under the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 3003.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

Prohibiting stock trading by Members of Congress

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.R. 3004.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Health Care

By Mr. GARBARINO:

H.R. 3005.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This legislation will correct the current ambiguity in federal law regarding the jurisdiction of the Postal Police and will once again allow Postal Police Officers to engage in street duty and patrols to stem the tide of increased criminal activity against postal employees and assets.

By Ms. GARCIA of Texas:

H.R. 3006.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1; Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

child welfare; community welfare; career opportunities

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 3007.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This is a single issue.

By Mrs. JACOBS:

H.R. 3008.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Health-Drug Prevention

By Mr. JOYCE of Ohio:

H.R. 3009.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program to pre-program suicide prevention resources into certain smart devices issued to members of the Armed Forces.

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi:

H.R. 3010.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The single subject of this legislation is:

federal grant funding.

By Mr. KILMER:

H.R. 3011.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (relating to the power of Congress to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.)

The single subject of this legislation is:

Creation of Mental Health Task Force at the Department of Defense to develop and provide recommendations for a holistic strategy to address mental health issues agency wide.

By Mrs. KIM of California:

H.R. 3012.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LAHOOD:

H.R. 3013.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution—Congress has the power “to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof.”

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to modify certain regulations relating to the requirements for commercial driver’s license testing and commercial learner’s permit holders.

By Mr. LAHOOD:

H.R. 3014.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution Article I, Section 8, Clause 1: "The congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes . . ."

The single subject of this legislation is:

To establish a system for the taxation of catastrophic risk transfer companies to ensure sufficient capital to cover catastrophic—insurance losses.

By Mr. LALOTA:

H.R. 3015.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To reduce the number of members of the Armed Forces stationed in certain foreign countries with which the United States does not have a proper and enforceable Status of Forces Agreement, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 3016.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Anti-Boycott Act of 2018 to apply the provisions of that Act to international governmental organizations.

By Ms. MATSUI:

H.R. 3017.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

section 8 of article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

health care

Mrs. MCBATH:

H.R. 3018.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order

By Mrs. MCBATH:

H.R. 3019.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 1 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

federal prison oversight

By Mr. MILLS:

H.R. 3020.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article, Section 8 of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide for the application of sanctions regarding Mahan Air.

By Mr. MOONEY:

H.R. 3021.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Second Amendment

By Mr. NORCROSS:

H.R. 3022.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 18)

The single subject of this legislation is: establishing Workers' Memorial Day as a federal holiday.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 3023.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

veterans' healthcare

By Mr. PHILLIPS:

H.R. 3024.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, Congress has the power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

The legislation amends the Family and Medical Leave Act to include entitlement to leave for bone marrow and blood stem cell donation.

By Ms. PLASKETT:

H.R. 3025.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide for no net increase in the total acreage of Federal land in the Virgin Islands National Park.

By Ms. PLASKETT:

H.R. 3026.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To adopt the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands as the Constitution of the United States Virgin Islands.

By Ms. PORTER:

H.R. 3027.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

To reauthorize funding for the Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program.

By Mr. SMITH of Washington:

H.R. 3028.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Education.

By Mr. SMUCKER:

H.R. 3029.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States,

The single subject of this legislation is:

This legislation amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals with direct primary care service arrangements to remain eligible individuals for purposes of health savings accounts.

By Mr. SORENSEN:

H.R. 3030.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Commerce Clause

The single subject of this legislation is:

FDA Citizen Petitions

By Ms. STANSBURY:

H.R. 3031.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

By Mr. STAUBER:

H.R. 3032.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

To equalize the charitable mileage rate with the business travel rate.

By Mrs. STEEL:

H.R. 3033.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Foreign Affairs

By Ms. VAN DUYNE:

H.R. 3034.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the Department of State to revoke passports for certain individuals who fail to make child support payments.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:

H.R. 3035.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Requires a determination with respect to application of sanctions regarding certain members of the government of Iran

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 82: Mrs. MCCLELLAN.
H.R. 190: Mr. MORAN and Mr. EZELL.
H.R. 214: Ms. SALAZAR.
H.R. 239: Mr. MCGARVEY.
H.R. 329: Mr. HUDSON.
H.R. 331: Mr. DONALDS.
H.R. 333: Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. POSEY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. RUIZ, and Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 335: Mr. BUCSHON.
H.R. 366: Mr. VAN ORDEN.
H.R. 413: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.
H.R. 431: Mr. MAST.
H.R. 480: Ms. BONAMICI.
H.R. 531: Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. LAHOOD, Mrs. LESKO, and Mr. HUIZENGA.
H.R. 533: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.
H.R. 537: Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 542: Mr. LATURNER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. LEVIN, and Mrs. Hayes.
H.R. 589: Ms. CHU and Mr. GOMEZ.
H.R. 603: Mr. STANTON and Mr. CÁRDENAS.
H.R. 615: Mr. GOOD of Virginia and Mr. CARTER of Texas.
H.R. 630: Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 651: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.
H.R. 660: Mr. MCGARVEY.
H.R. 746: Mr. MURPHY.
H.R. 765: Mr. STANTON.
H.R. 768: Mr. MCGARVEY and Ms. SHERRILL.
H.R. 771: Mr. DONALDS.
H.R. 838: Mr. JACKSON of Texas and Mr. RESCHENTHALER.
H.R. 856: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
H.R. 879: Mr. MULLIN.
H.R. 884: Mr. MCGARVEY.
H.R. 902: Mr. NICKEL, Mr. BACON, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. CRAIG, and Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 906: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina and Mr. RUTHERFORD.
H.R. 915: Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.
H.R. 953: Ms. DELAURO and Mr. NICKEL.
H.R. 1005: Mr. TRONE.
H.R. 1010: Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana.
H.R. 1041: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 1062: Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota and Mr. TONKO.
H.R. 1089: Mr. FLEISCHMANN.
H.R. 1097: Ms. DELBENE and Mr. GALLEGGO.
H.R. 1122: Mrs. LESKO, Mr. BRECHEEN, and Mr. GROTHMAN.

- H.R. 1147: Mr. ROSE and Mr. GOOD of Virginia.
- H.R. 1298: Mr. GARBARINO.
- H.R. 1322: Ms. SHERRILL.
- H.R. 1351: Ms. DELBENE, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. TONKO, and Mrs. HAYES.
- H.R. 1385: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.
- H.R. 1465: Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.
- H.R. 1477: Ms. ROSS.
- H.R. 1484: Mr. STAUBER.
- H.R. 1488: Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. PORTER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. ALLRED.
- H.R. 1564: Mr. CARL.
- H.R. 1608: Ms. BUDZINSKI.
- H.R. 1613: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.
- H.R. 1699: Ms. BONAMICI and Mrs. HAYES.
- H.R. 1705: Ms. MATSUI.
- H.R. 1707: Mr. LANGWORTHY.
- H.R. 1719: Ms. CROCKETT and Mr. RYAN.
- H.R. 1721: Mr. LAWLER.
- H.R. 1750: Mr. MAST.
- H.R. 1761: Mr. GREEN of Tennessee and Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.
- H.R. 1782: Mr. WEBER of Texas and Mr. MAST.
- H.R. 1794: Ms. TOKUDA.
- H.R. 1814: Mr. TRONE.
- H.R. 1818: Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. RYAN, Mr. NORCROSS, and Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK.
- H.R. 1826: Mr. COHEN.
- H.R. 1838: Mr. FROST, Ms. MANNING, and Ms. KUSTER.
- H.R. 1839: Mr. LUCAS and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.
- H.R. 2367: Mr. YAKYM and Mr. STANTON.
- H.R. 2376: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
- H.R. 2380: Mrs. BICE.
- H.R. 2394: Ms. BROWNLEY and Mr. ALLRED.
- H.R. 2407: Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. VALADAO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. ROSE, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. COHEN.
- H.R. 2426: Mr. TRONE.
- H.R. 2436: Mr. DONALDS.
- H.R. 2440: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.
- H.R. 2443: Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. OMAR, Ms. BUSH, Ms. MENG, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Mr. RASKIN.
- H.R. 2493: Mr. DUNN of Florida.
- H.R. 2510: Ms. KUSTER.
- H.R. 2548: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.
- H.R. 2619: Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. LEVIN.
- H.R. 2663: Ms. KUSTER, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. DOGETT, Ms. DEGETTE, and Ms. PINGREE.
- H.R. 2665: Ms. TENNEY, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. LAWLER.
- H.R. 2685: Mr. STEWART.
- H.R. 2700: Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. SELF, and Ms. LETLOW.
- H.R. 2708: Ms. DEGETTE and Mr. MOSKOWITZ.
- H.R. 2717: Mr. MCCAUL.
- H.R. 2732: Mr. ELLZEY.
- H.R. 2736: Mr. SCHIFF.
- H.R. 2760: Mrs. HAYES.
- H.R. 2794: Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. BEAN of Florida, and Mr. NEHLS.
- H.R. 2803: Ms. OMAR, Mr. CORREA, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
- H.R. 2814: Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, and Mr. MCCLINTOCK.
- H.R. 2826: Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.
- H.R. 2837: Ms. GREENE of Georgia.
- H.R. 2867: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
- H.R. 2871: Mr. KILMER.
- H.R. 2876: Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. GIMENEZ, and Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas.
- H.R. 2905: Mr. SCHIFF.
- H.R. 2923: Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
- H.R. 2924: Mr. PAYNE.
- H.R. 2940: Mr. AMODEI.
- H.R. 2942: Mr. WALTZ.
- H.R. 2952: Ms. LOFGREN.
- H.R. 2960: Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mrs. BICE, Mr. LOUDERMILK, and Ms. MACE.
- H.R. 2982: Mr. RYAN and Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.
- H.R. 2985: Mr. DESAULNIER and Mr. BLUMENAUER.
- H.R. 2987: Mr. ALLRED.
- H. J. Res. 44: Mr. GRAVES of Missouri.
- H. J. Res. 45: Mr. ROUZER, Mr. CRANE, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. ISSA, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. MILLS, Mr. FALLON, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. NEHLS.
- H. J. Res. 59: Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, and Mr. BERGMAN.
- H. Con. Res. 13: Ms. SPANBERGER, Mrs. PELTOLA, and Mr. MOLINARO.
- H. Con. Res. 28: Mr. PENCE and Mr. GROTHMAN.
- H. Con. Res. 29: Mr. COURTNEY.
- H. Con. Res. 33: Mr. MEEKS and Mr. PANNETTA.
- H. Res. 39: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.
- H. Res. 154: Mr. NORCROSS and Ms. TOKUDA.
- H. Res. 310: Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.
- H. Res. 334: Mr. TRONE, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mrs. HAYES, and Mr. KILMER.
- H. Res. 335: Mr. IVEY, Mr. MULLIN, and Ms. SCHOLTEN.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES ARMY CAPTAIN DAVID A. CHRISTIAN'S INDUCTION INTO THE OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent and National Hero from my district, Captain David A. Christian, whose service and dedication as a Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain of the United States Army provides a testimony to selfless service and valor achieved through acts of courage that place the lives of his fellow servicemen before his own, and the security of the United States as his utmost priority.

Raised in Levittown, Pennsylvania, David enlisted in the U.S. Army following graduation from Woodrow Wilson High School. Enlisting at 18, he rapidly attained the rank of Captain in only 2 years at 20 years old.

David's courage demonstrated through combat is ratified by his prolific award record. He has been nominated for every valor award offered by the U.S. Army, including the Medal of Honor and 7 Purple Hearts. During his tours of combat deployments, David discovered more than 52 enemy camps. It was often said of David and his team that "they owned the jungle".

While David is exceedingly proud of his accomplishments in combat during his military service, he is also distinguished by his continued dedication to the armed services by authoring the first legislation pertaining to Agent Orange and PTSD. David, throughout his military and civic career has dedicated himself to service of the Military and Veterans, evidenced by his crucial role in raising \$9 million in donations to construct and maintain the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

On May 1, 2023, at Fort Benning, Georgia, David will be inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. This honor is truly fitting for a man whose life is fully dedicated to selfless service to our great country and his fellow Veterans. Our entire community is immensely proud of this incredible achievement, and we are fortunate to call him a friend, neighbor, and mentor.

OPPOSING THE DEFAULT ON AMERICA ACT

HON. JILL N. TOKUDA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I proudly cast my vote against the Default on

America Act. This reckless debt limit proposal would force Americans to suffer pandemic-level pain once again due to brutal cuts put forth by House Republicans. If we thought the COVID-19 pandemic was bad—impacts on life, learning, health, and economic security—the "virus" being unleashed on our country by this Act has potentially more dire and devastating consequences.

But there is a way forward on this issue. Pass a clean debt limit increase. To blatantly ignore Treasury Secretary Yellen's stark warnings of default back in January and three months later celebrate the passage of a bill that seeks to buy us less than a year's reprieve on the backs of hardworking American families, children, kūpuna, and veterans is offensive and unacceptable.

I gave my inaugural floor speech on January 25th on the debt limit and urged House Republicans to join us in making good on our commitments to millions of Americans who've worked hard, sacrificed, and defended this country by passing a clean debt limit increase. People, families, and entire communities that rely on social security, Medicare, and other critical federal programs—they were looking to us to do the right thing.

Like my constituent from Hilo, who called every day during my first weeks in office, scared that after a lifetime of work, he'd lose the social security check he relied upon each month.

It is now April 27th, and more than 100 days after the warnings from the Treasury, the Republican Majority is only now looking to come to the table on this looming default crisis, which could come as soon as June.

Instead of cleanly raising the debt ceiling as Congressional Republicans did without preconditions on three separate occasions under President Trump, Speaker MCCARTHY is doubling down on holding the full faith and credit of the United States hostage and risking economic chaos and catastrophe to force draconian cuts that will endanger public safety and worsen public health, raise costs for families and students, and harm seniors and veterans.

Instead of seriously coming to negotiate, House Republicans are willing to level pandemic-level pain and suffering on everyday Americans in every community in this country.

The legislation introduced by the Speaker would lead to across-the-board cuts of at least \$142 billion for critical programs. This could lead to the Veterans Health Administration providing 13 million fewer visits and veterans would have to wait longer to receive benefits. 200,000 children could lose access to Head Start slots and 100,000 children could lose access to childcare. Services such as Meals on Wheels could be cut for more than 1 million seniors, while over 1 million participants could drop from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

In Hawaii, these devastating cuts would be felt immediately by some of our most vulnerable residents. 43,000 Hawaii residents would lose food assistance.

In a State where 1 in 10 people are veterans who have served and sacrificed, there would be 38,000 fewer veteran outpatient visits. College would be more expensive and out of reach for 15,000 Hawaii students. Over 3,000 families in Hawaii would lose rental assistance and be at severe risk for or resulting in homelessness. We'd lose 1,000 Preschool and Child Care Slots in Hawaii, where we are already short tens of thousands of seats. At least four air traffic control towers in Hawaii would be shut down, which would prevent my constituents from getting to work or accessing basic services like healthcare, leaving our islands less connected.

And if Republicans don't get their way, they're threatening to default on our Nation's bills, unleashing an economic catastrophe and putting vital government services at risk. Nationwide, a default could kill more than seven million jobs, jeopardize Social Security payments for 94,000 families in my district, and put health benefits at risk for 297,000 veterans, kūpuna, and keiki in Hawaii's Second Congressional District.

It's important to remember that the debt limit reflects the spending and revenue decisions debated and enacted in prior years by prior Congresses. It's about paying our nation's credit card bill, not making additional purchases on it.

The full extent of negative repercussions is unknown because the United States has never defaulted on its obligations. Economists expect the fallout to be widespread and catastrophic for the U.S. and global economy.

Congressional Republicans need to stop playing political games with our debt limit for a partisan political wish list and cleanly raise the debt limit.

Congress should focus on investing in our Nation and its people. We should be focused on decreasing child poverty and hunger, helping our kūpuna on Social Security and Medicare, and increasing veteran access to services. This bill does the opposite.

My Republican colleagues may claim this proposal was the first step towards negotiating with President Biden. But the chips they were willing to gamble in this mockery of a proposal should be a warning to us all about where their priorities lie. It's not with everyday Americans or neighborhoods and communities throughout our country.

With their Default on America Act, House Republicans have shown us the moral bankruptcy of their MAGA ideology and their willingness to abandon the very people they were elected to represent.

Democrat or Republican, Blue, red, purple, and everything in between—we have the opportunity to put people above politics and not gamble with their lives and livelihood. We have less than 60 days until default. America is waiting for us to do the right thing and pass a clean debt limit increase now.

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

HONORING UNITED STATES NAVY
FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION
SQUADRON, THE BLUE ANGELS

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation.

Whereas: The Blue Angels were formed by the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Chester Nimitz, on April 24, 1946, to raise the public's interest in naval aviation and boost Navy Morale.

Whereas: The Blue Angels are recognized as the second-oldest formal aerobatic team in the world.

Whereas: The 2023 season marks the 77th anniversary of this impressive outfit.

Whereas: The United States Navy Blue Angels have called Pensacola home since 1955, practicing daring and awe-inspiring maneuvers from the cockpits of F/A-18 Super Hornets in the skies above the city.

Whereas: The mission of the United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron is to showcase the pride and professionalism of the United States Navy and Marine Corps by inspiring a culture of excellence and service to the country through flight demonstrations and community outreach.

Whereas: An estimated 11 million spectators view the squadron during air shows each year.

Whereas: The 2023 season marks the first in which the Blue Angels welcome their first female demonstration pilot, Lieutenant Amanda Lee, to the left-wing Number 3 position. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved: On this occasion of their 77th, birthday, the United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, are recognized for their contribution to Northwest Florida, as they have distinguished themselves as ambassadors for the Cradle of Naval Aviation by inspiring and entertaining millions of Americans each year. It is an honor to have them call Florida's First District home. Bravo Zulu and Happy Birthday, Blue Angels.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL
INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Infertility Awareness Week, founded in 1989, to salute the parents, doctors, researchers, and others for the extraordinary progress over the last four decades to destigmatize infertility and bring awareness to the many barriers people face when trying to start and build their families.

Most Americans are not aware that approximately one in five Americans are impacted by the disease of infertility. The disease affects both men and women of all races, religious backgrounds, and economic status; it knows no barriers and impacts millions of individuals.

Through the revolutionary contributions of research scientists and considerable medical advancements, fertility treatments have vastly

improved since the first successful IVF pregnancy and live birth occurred in 1978. Such advancements include early infertility detection through detailed and data-driven testing, advanced egg-freezing technology, and progressive procedures that allow young cancer patients to preserve their fertility prior to undergoing lifesaving chemotherapy treatments. Organizations like RESOLVE: the National Infertility Association, advocate for millions of individuals and couples in this country who need medical assistance to have a family. Other groups, such as the Military Family Building Coalition (MFBC), have focused on raising awareness for active-duty service members and their spouses facing unique challenges with family building. They are actively working to bring awareness to these unique challenges and advance laws and policies that will help our servicemembers sacrificing for our country achieve their dream of building or expanding their own family. There are also organizations such as the Alliance for Fertility Preservation, who stand up to voice on the importance of affordable fertility preservation options for individuals undergoing cancer treatment. In fact, in the absence of comprehensive and reliable fertility preservation and family building healthcare coverage, the option of having children may not otherwise be available for millions of Americans without the financial assistance of organizations like RESOLVE, AFP, and MFBC, and countless other worthwhile organizations.

Since 1978, and because of extraordinary medical advancements and steadfast advocacy organizations, millions of Americans have been able to receive life affirming treatments that have resulted in the delivery of babies. And while advancements have been a substantial step forward for family building, significant medical, financial, and health equity barriers still exist for others who require medical assistance to combat infertility.

During this National Infertility Awareness Week, I am calling on my colleagues in Congress to do more to remove many of the barriers that currently exist for those experiencing infertility challenges in their pursuit of having a child. The ability to have children and the timing of building a family is a basic human right, and thus we must work together to pass legislation to create a path for these American families. I also applaud my colleagues including Congresswoman WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Congresswoman BROWNLEY, Congresswoman DELAURO, Congresswoman STRICKLAND, and Congressman RICK LARSEN for introducing legislation devoted to eliminating obstacles to building families. I salute the millions of infertility warriors throughout the country and the world, who advocate on behalf of that most precious of gifts, that of family.

HONORING VETERANS PARTICIPATING IN THE INAUGURAL
LONE EAGLE HONOR FLIGHT
FROM PUERTO RICO

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize 21 veterans from my District who from April 12th to April 14th vis-

ited our Nation's Capital as part of the inaugural Lone Eagle Honor Flight from Puerto Rico.

The Lone Eagle Honor Flight honors American veterans all over the Nation for their courage, and outstanding achievements in defense of the ideals of the United States of America by transporting them to Washington, D.C. to visit the veterans memorials, paying tribute to bold servicemen and women who have served our Nation. This recognition is well-deserved and a testament of our gratitude for their sacrifices.

This inaugural Lone Eagle Honor Flight from Puerto Rico is special, because on April 13th we celebrate National Borinqueneers Day and honor the bravery and valor of the 65th Infantry Regiment, better known as Borinqueneers. This unit composed of Puerto Rican soldiers, led by their motto of Honor and Fidelity, served throughout the liberation of Europe in World War II and the Korean War. The history of Puerto Rico is rich with the example of individuals whose accomplishments inspire us today. They are men and women from all walks of life whose shining example attract the attention of the world to our small island. The Puerto Rican veterans recognized by the Honor Flight Network who served in the U.S. Army in World War II, in the Korean War and the Vietnam War, belong to a long line of American Citizens who did not hesitate to step into cauldron of war when duty called.

Please join me in honoring Ángel Acevedo-Bernard, Juan Acevedo-Carrión, José Adorno-Román, Francisco Berrios-Jovet, Fred Buendía-Izquierdo, Rafael A. Cajigas-Morales, Wilfredo Cardec-Ramos, Andrés Dávila, Jesús Dávila-Colón, Luis G. Padilla-Gautier, Cielo Guerrero, José I. Irizarry, Víctor M. Labarca Lugo, Santos Martínez-Larriuz, Wilfredo Menéndez-Quintana, Rubén Ortiz, Heriberto Ortiz-Ruiz, Salvador Rosado, Walter Santoni-Acevedo, José Torres and Ramón Torres-González for courageously protecting our freedom and democracy.

I am beyond proud of these heroes who have so selflessly served our Nation.

HONORING CSM. (RET.) MARCUS B.
WHITT, II

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Command Sergeant Major Marcus B. Whitt, II of Morristown, Tennessee who has dedicated his entire life in service to or in support of our Armed Forces.

As a Special Forces Green Beret radio operator, CSM. (Ret.) Whitt and his unit gathered intelligence for highly classified operations during the Vietnam War in Cambodia, Laos and North Vietnam. In 2001, all prior members of MACV SOG were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism, great combat achievement regularly conducting guerrilla warfare, and unwavering fidelity while executing missions deep behind enemy lines.

After Vietnam, he furthered his academia earning multiple degrees in Education and Masters in Criminal Justice. He also continued his calling by joining the Reserves in service to many Army Special Forces units. Later, he

was promoted to Command Sergeant Major and stationed at Camp Butmir, Bosnia until a retirement that didn't last long as he continued his career in Iraq supporting our military as a civilian contractor. Presently he is a volunteer for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve in the State of Tennessee and serves as the Ombudsman Director. TN ESGR develops supportive work environments for Service Members in Reserve Components through outreach and education to increase awareness of applicable laws. He also serves with Chapter 18-12 of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association which promotes Vets Helping Vets and the Special Operations Association (former MACVSO members) as a member of its Board of Directors.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. "MUZ"
MURRAY

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of a dedicated and exceptional American patriot, Robert A. "Muz" Murray.

Born on September 2, 1935, Robert was a beloved native of South Boston and a resident of Quincy and Hull.

As a middle-school student at St. Brigid School, 12-year-old Robert entered a congressional essay contest entitled, "America, What it means to me,"—sponsored by Speaker John McCormack of Boston. Fittingly, Robert's impassioned and patriotic entry on the ideals and struggles embodied by our Nation earned the honor of first place—along with a special invitation for Robert to join President Harry Truman for lunch at the White House.

In the enduring spirit of his essay, Robert dedicated each day of his 87 years to personifying the principles and values that he held dear as an American. Inspired by our shared commitment to liberty, democracy, and humanity, Robert devoted his life in service to his country, his community, and his family. As a veteran of the United States Army and a devoted husband, father of three, and grandfather of five, Robert also instilled service and dedication in all that knew him.

Robert Murray passed away peacefully on December 23, 2022. It was at his funeral mass that his 1947 essay was read publicly for the first time, as the closing words offered by his youngest daughter, Erin. Include in the RECORD Mr. Murray's essay.

AMERICA, WHAT IT MEANS TO ME

To me, America means homeland. It means my country blessed beyond all countries with the beauty and natural resources, with its inland seas and coursing rivers, teeming with food; its towering mountains, piled high with the riches of the earth; its fertile fields yielding harvest that might feed the world; its cities and towns all throbbing with human life and industry. America means all this but it means much more, much more than the country's materials wealth and power.

To me, America means the land of liberty—a land whose democracy, whose ideals of religion, freedom and equality make it pre-eminent among the nations of the earth. In this land, my homeland, the land of liberty, every man has the ownership of himself. He is free to enjoy the results of his labors,

to declare the convictions of his mind, to share in the making of its laws, and in selecting the rulers of the nation.

America is the land of the free, where every man, no matter how lowly, is a free man in the free country, free to enjoy all its rights and liberties.

To me, America means the struggles, the sufferings, and the sacrifices, which paid the price of these liberties I enjoy.

It is symbolized by the flag I love—the red, white and blue flag; its rich red for American patriots' blood; the white for America's high ideals and purposes; its blue for the boundless hopes America awakes in humanity. That is what American means to me.

Mr. Speaker, may Robert Murray's words serve as a great reminder of who we are as a Nation.

HONORING SUSANNAH SCARONI'S
WIN AT THE BOSTON MARATHON

HON. NIKKI BUDZINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Susannah Scaroni, a graduate from the University of Illinois, for winning the 127th Boston Marathon and a successful World Marathon Majors season.

Susannah was born on May 16, 1991, in Burns, Oregon. Growing up Tekoa, Washington, a car crash would leave her paralyzed at the age of five. Susannah would persevere with the support of her community, eventually graduating from Tekoa High School in 2009 and coming to the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign. Susannah would graduate from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) with a bachelors degree in food science and human Nutrition in 2014 and earn a master's degree in Nutritional Sciences in 2022.

Throughout her education, Susannah would represent the United States in international competition and race in major marathons. Susannah has competed in the last three Paralympic games, earning a gold medal in the 5,000-meter race and a bronze in the 800-meter race in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Susannah would win the Los Angeles Marathon early in her career, however, coming short of winning a world major until recently.

After battling through a career-threatening back injury six months prior, Susannah would win the 2022 Chicago Marathon in October and the New York City Marathon in November. Her streak of wins would only end in Tokyo due to missing the marathon after contracting strep throat, but she would bounce back in April. After competing in the Boston Marathon eight times, with several bronzes being her best accomplishment in years prior, favor would shine her light on Susannah. She would win with a time of 1 hour 45 minutes 45 seconds, holding a lead of five minutes on the previous winner.

With the six recent World Marathon Majors now passed, Susannah has won three out of the six, and medaled in four. I am both proud and honored to recognize my fellow Fighting Illini graduate on today.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND RECOGNIZING MR. DANIEL "DANNY" HERNANDEZ, OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Mr. Ray Daniel "Danny" Hernandez, an outstanding Chicano advocate in the 52nd Congressional District.

Mr. Hernandez was a committed and respected community leader who believed in the power of community to invoke equitable and long-term change. He worked tirelessly to uplift, empower, and serve our Latino/Chicano, multicultural and other diverse communities. Mr. Hernandez was one of the founding members of the Chicano Federation's Latino Leadership Institute in 1985, whose mission is to establish the next generation of Latino civic leaders.

Mr. Hernandez made valuable contributions to organizations including San Ysidro Health, the National City Chamber of Commerce, La Maestra Community Health Centers, MANA de San Diego, and Project New Village. He was the Director of Community Relations for San Ysidro Health and, over the years, provided extensive contributions in developing a wide array of outreach, community awareness, and promotional programs to provide access to high quality and affordable healthcare. Mr. Hernandez also supported the advancement of Latinas and assisted MANA de San Diego to increase membership, create awareness of their programs, and connecting the organization with donors.

On behalf of the residents of California's 52nd Congressional District, I would like to express my deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Ray Daniel "Danny" Hernandez. He is survived by his wife, Leticia Ibarra, and his sister, Christine Rosa Maestas. Furthermore, I would like to formally extend my sincere gratitude to Mr. Hernandez for his unwavering commitment to providing equitable and accessible resources to our region throughout his nearly 45-year long career as an advocate and leader. His legacy will continue, as he inspired many.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL
INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

HON. STEVEN HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Infertility Awareness Week, founded in 1989, to salute the parents, doctors, researchers, and others for the extraordinary progress over the last four decades to destigmatize infertility and bring awareness to the many barriers people face when trying to start and build their families.

Most Americans are not aware that approximately one in five Americans are impacted by the disease of infertility. The disease affects men and women of all races, religious backgrounds, and economic status; it knows no barriers and impacts millions of individuals.

Through the revolutionary contributions of research scientists and considerable medical advancements, fertility treatments have vastly improved since the first successful IVF pregnancy and live birth occurred in 1978. Such advancements include early infertility detection through detailed and data-driven testing, advanced egg-freezing technology, and progressive procedures that allow young cancer patients to preserve their fertility before undergoing lifesaving chemotherapy treatments. Organizations like RESOLVE: the National Infertility Association, advocate for millions of individuals and couples in this country who need medical assistance to have a family. Other groups, such as the Military Family Building Coalition (MFBC), have focused on raising awareness for active-duty service members and their spouses facing unique challenges with family building. They are actively working to bring awareness to these unique challenges and advance laws and policies to help our servicemembers sacrificing for our country achieve their dream of building or expanding their families. There are also organizations, such as the Alliance for Fertility Preservation, that stand up to voice the importance of affordable fertility preservation options for individuals undergoing cancer treatment. In fact, without comprehensive and reliable fertility preservation and family-building healthcare coverage, the option of having children may not otherwise be available for millions of Americans without the financial assistance of organizations like RESOLVE, AFP, MFBC, and countless other worthwhile organizations.

Since 1978, and because of extraordinary medical advancements and steadfast advocacy organizations, millions of Americans have received life-affirming treatments that have resulted in the delivery of babies. And while advancements have been a substantial step forward for family building, significant medical, financial, and health equity barriers still exist for others who require medical assistance to combat in fertility.

During this National Infertility Awareness Week, I am calling on my colleagues in Congress to do more to remove many of the barriers currently existing for those experiencing infertility challenges in their pursuit of having a child. The ability to have children and the timing of building a family is a fundamental human right. Thus, we must work together to pass legislation to create a path for these American families. I also applaud my colleagues, including Congresswoman WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Congresswoman BROWNLEY, Congresswoman DELAURO, Congresswoman STRICKLAND, and Congressman RICK LARSEN, for introducing legislation to eliminate obstacles to building families. I salute the millions of infertility warriors throughout the country and the world who advocate on behalf of that most precious of gifts, that of family.

HONORING JOHN SIMS

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, and renowned East Texas radio personality, John Sims, who tragically passed away the morning of Friday, March 31.

John was a proud Philadelphia native who fully embraced his adopted home of East Texas, where he served our community on air for over forty-three years, most recently with KTBB.

Through his reporting and commentary, John played a direct role in our daily lives, filling an otherwise silent morning commute with community updates, state and national news, guidance, and laughter.

When John wasn't filling the radio waves, he was out in our community. John was active in many civic organizations, working with those in need and those with disabilities.

In particular, John was devoted to his work with the Tyler Together Race Relations Forum, in addition to the League of Women Voters, the March of Dimes, the Tyler Church and Community Network, and East Texas Wheelers and Walkers.

Even further, John was also the former president of Leadership Tyler and the Smith County Community Partnership Council, raising up new leaders in our community advocating for its success.

A devout believer, John always prioritized his time serving with the church and other community groups.

John's un-timely passing will undoubtedly take a toll on East Texas.

I am proud to join his family, his friends, his colleagues, and the entire First District of Texas in remembering John and honoring his lifetime of service. He will be sorely missed.

HONORING THE BASILICA SHRINE
OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACU-
LOUS MEDAL

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Miraculous Medal Shrine, a Marian devotional destination and ministry of the Vincentians of the Eastern Province in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, as it has been elevated by the Vatican to Minor Basilica status. This designation is shared by only one other church in the City of Philadelphia, the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, and 91 others across the United States. The Shrine, along with the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception that houses it, are now known as The Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

The new designation follows a multiyear application that culminated in a decree issued by Pope Francis. The Shrine is now promoted as an exemplary site of liturgical and pastoral activity within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Minor Basilicas are given prominence among other churches and shrines, receive certain honorifics, and are tasked with special responsibilities.

The Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, a ministry of the Vincentians of the Eastern Province of the United States, is a sanctuary of prayer and an inspiration of Marian devotion for Roman Catholics throughout the world. Established in 1927 on the grounds of Saint Vincent's Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Shrine, and the Romanesque church that houses it were elevated to a Minor Basilica by the Vatican in 2023.

Visitors come to the Basilica Shrine daily for Holy Mass, solemn prayer and meditation, and pilgrimage to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary, while beholding its breathtaking artwork, sculptures, stained glass, altars and architecture. The Basilica Shrine is also home to the Perpetual Novena, a prayer of devotion to Our Lady recited in person.

It is indeed an honor to have such a prestigious decree bestowed upon one of Philadelphia's faith based institutions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH K. ROSS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on April 27, 2023 due to a family medical situation.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 201.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 201, I mistakenly voted YEA when I intended to vote NAY.

HONORING E-4 RICHARD DEAN
WHITE

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent E-4 Richard Dean White of Mountain City, Tennessee.

E-4 Richard White served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971 until 1975 and was one of 70 chosen to serve in the USAF Security Command. He was stationed at many air force bases such as Lackland, TX Goodfellow, Iraklion in Crete, Greece, and Andrews Air Force Base. He was present on August 9, 1974, when President Nixon resigned and departed from Andrews Air Force Base.

Following his discharge, E-4 White attended college and pursued a career in Law Enforcement, continuing his calling to serve.

RECOGNIZING BECKY HATTAN FOR
HER SERVICE

HON. MIKE FLOOD

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to thank Becky Hattan of Lincoln for her service to my office.

Becky has worked over the last several months as a constituent services representative.

During her time on the team, Becky brought exceptional organizational skills playing a key role in establishing our District Office in Lincoln.

This work was particularly evidenced by her work on behalf of constituents, which helped recover hundreds of thousands of dollars in constituent resources from federal agencies.

Her coordination of the First District Congressional Art Competition made the program successful.

But most of all, Becky is a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

Becky has a passion for serving others and provided quality customer service to people. And that is leading her to return to the healthcare sector.

As she departs, I want her to know that everyone appreciates her work and that we will greatly miss her. On behalf of the First District of Nebraska: Congratulations and best wishes to Becky.

HONORING THE LATE RICHARD
STEWART

HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mrs. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Richard Stewart, a beloved and well-known figure from my hometown of Petersburg, in Virginia's Fourth Congressional District. Mr. Stewart was the honorary "Mayor of Pocahontas Island," one of the oldest Black neighborhoods in our nation.

Since 1732, enslaved, escaped, and free African Americans have called Pocahontas Island home, and Mr. Stewart fought relentlessly to preserve artifacts, properties, and the stories of those who lived there. He even created the Pocahontas Island Black History Museum, the first Black history museum in Petersburg, to educate visitors and memorialized the storied history of the neighborhood. He was a veteran, a community leader, and an engaged citizen who devoted his life to preserving our history and preparing the next generation through storytelling and learning.

He leaves behind a lasting legacy and will be sorely missed by the Petersburg community and our Commonwealth.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize and celebrate Israel's 75th anniversary.

Like so many Americans, I am amazed by all that Israel has achieved in the face of immense challenges. Born in the aftermath of the horrors of the Holocaust and the Second World War, Israel's short history is full of success. In a short time span, Israel has become one of the world's leading nations for innovation and technology; its contributions to fields like cybersecurity, healthcare, and agriculture benefit Americans every day.

We also cannot lose sight of the fact that Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East and a beacon of hope for not only Jews, but freedom-loving people of all faiths and backgrounds. Our relationship with Israel is a mutually beneficial partnership that reinforces America's moral values and strategic interests, promoting stability in a highly volatile region. Our two nations face many of the same threats, making it imperative that America does not waiver in our commitment to strengthen Israel's ability to defend itself.

The U.S.-Israel relationship is truly the embodiment of "peace through strength". By standing together, we demonstrate to our adversaries that we will not be intimidated and that we will defend our shared values and interests. As malicious regimes like Iran continue their quest for nuclear capabilities, it is vital that America remains committed to ensuring a strong and secure Israel.

As a Member of Congress, I remain steadfast in my support for Israel and look forward to helping advance U.S.-Israel defense cooperation. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating Israel's 75th anniversary and reaffirming our commitment to this important partnership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, due to committee obligations, I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 194. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 194 (House Res. 311).

RECOGNIZING ROOSEVELT HIGH
SCHOOL'S SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN
OF WYANDOTTE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Theodore Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte, Michigan on the occasion of their Centennial Celebration. Their steadfast commitment to the education of our area's youth over the last 100 years is worthy of commendation.

The cornerstone of Roosevelt High School was laid in 1921, and over the next two years while the school was being built not a single power tool was used. "The pride of Wyandotte" as it was referred to at the time, is still to this day a beautifully conceived building, with a limestone facade and hand-carved English Oak throughout the building. Though there were only 500 high school students at the time, the new school was built to hold 1,400, allowing it to serve the city of Wyandotte for the next century.

Since the first graduating class crossed the stage in 1923, tens of thousands of students have walked the halls of Roosevelt High School. Many renovations and additions have happened, from the five large WPA murals that were installed in the auditorium in 1942 to

the new gym and workout facilities that were built in 2003, with many in-between. What hasn't changed is the staffs drive to educate and empower the children of Wyandotte, as well as the tradition of parental involvement and partnerships with local businesses. From the many events John and I attended over the years, it has been so heartwarming to see the entire community committed to the mission of helping their students succeed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the staff, students, and community that have made Theodore Roosevelt High School a tremendous educational environment for the last 100 years. From athletics and debate club to the Roosevelt Marching Band participating in President Obama's inauguration, we have always been so proud to see how they represent the state of Michigan. I am excited to see them produce amazing graduates to send off into the world for the next 100 years.

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a historic milestone in Defiance, Ohio in our District. Today, citizens are gathering to celebrate the Bicentennial Anniversary of the City of Defiance. Events throughout the day will focus on "Remembering our history, Honoring our present, and Envisioning our future."

On April 28, 2023, after being surveyed by Captain James Riley, the plat for the Village of Defiance was recorded in Wood County, Ohio by Horatio G. Phillips. He purchased thirty acres of land in the Village of Defiance at the confluence of the Auglaize and Maumee Rivers, gateway to the Great Lakes. Thus, Defiance was born and is the County Seat of Defiance County.

The history notes that "Benjamin Leavell would join with Phillips to market the property. It was divided into 150 lots. Their 1823 newspaper ad stated the streets are wide, with alleys for the convenience of the lots, which are of handsome size. It also stated the proprietors have laid off lots for religious societies, schools, and a courthouse. The location of the 1794 Fort Defiance was set aside as a public park."

Residents named the community after Fort Defiance, once a western-most outpost in the Ohio country in early America. Constructed by General Anthony Wayne before 1794's Battle of Fallen Timbers, Fort Defiance was also an important defense in Ohio from invasion by British soldiers during the War of 1812.

Growth continued following "speculation of the construction of the Miami & Erie and Wabash & Erie Canals and their route as they connected to Lake Erie. Ultimately the canals would join together 10½ miles southwest of Defiance at a location named Junction. The canals used the same channel through Defiance. The Wabash & Erie connecting Fort Wayne, Indiana and west to Toledo, Ohio, was completed in 1843 and the Miami & Erie canal, connecting Cincinnati to Toledo, was completed in 1845." The canals' completion fueled much of the growth in western Ohio lands, including Defiance.

It is reported that the legendary Johnny Applesseed owned a nursery on the north bank of the Maumee river with Defiance as his primary headquarters during the early 19th century. Steeped in its history and that of Northwest Ohio, Defiance honors its past through monuments, markers and sculptures of those on whose shoulders the community stands while at the same time emboldened by the spirit of those long-ago ancestors.

Defiance weathered the ups and downs of American life through the centuries and remains a vibrant community today. A focus on education brings with it Defiance College and an excellent public library. Businesses flourish on Main Street and throughout the city. Defiance surely lives up to its motto as "A great place to live" through its intergenerational, enterprising spirit and sacrifices of citizens who have built the patriotic, enduring character of Defiance.

All over Northwest Ohio we join with the residents of this community, remembering 200 years of history while looking forward to a bright future. We pay tribute to the pioneers who founded the city, honor the citizens who built it up in the ensuing years, and pledge our efforts toward a flourishing future.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF
CINCINNATI CLERMONT WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Cincinnati Clermont Women's Basketball team on winning the 2023 Small College Division II National Championship.

The UC Clermont Lady Cougars captured the title after a 60–46 win over Johnson & Wales University, Charlotte. Head Coach Ken Lowe's vision was complete after the team made it to the Final Four in the previous season but fell short of a championship.

The Lady Cougars rallied early with a 24–0 run, and 27 points from senior Captain, Ashley Moore. Junior, Tyra Murphy and Grad Student, Kristi Duncan, both recorded double doubles in the Championship game.

There is no doubt that the leadership among the coaching staff and the Lady Cougars in the locker room and on the court helped this team turn their dreams into reality.

Again, congratulations to Coach Lowe, the rest of the coaching staff, and the players for their amazing achievement.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN EDWARD
L. CALLAHAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Captain Edward L. Callahan on his retirement from the United States Navy after 40 years of service. CAPT Callahan's retirement was celebrated during the Naval Weapons Station Earle Change of Command Ceremony on April 21, 2023.

Throughout his decorated career, CAPT Callahan has exhibited the principles of duty and valor. He has served at sea extensively and completed several strategic deterrent patrols. From his service onboard USS *Henry S. Stimson* (SSBN 655) (GOLD) and USS *Mariano G. Vallejo* (SSBN 658) (GOLD) to his sea duty onboard USS *Topeka* (SSN 754) as Weapons Officer, CAPT Callahan has bravely helped maintain the security of our country. Since reporting to active duty in 1983, CAPT Callahan advanced through the ranks and was promoted to CAPT 1 in 2018. From July of 2020 until today, CAPT Callahan has served as Commanding Officer of Naval Weapons Station Earle in New Jersey.

Navigating the COVID–19 pandemic during his leadership at Naval Weapons Station Earle, CAPT Callahan ensured continuous operations of the base while maintaining the health and well-being of officers and personnel. He has been a valuable partner to my office and the community, maintaining open lines of communication and graciously hosting my Service Academy Day information session for students and their families. It has been an honor to work with CAPT Callahan and I thank him for his hospitality, leadership, and service.

CAPT Callahan has exemplified honor, integrity, and professionalism throughout his Navy career. His experience, knowledge, and steadfast initiative have distinguished CAPT Callahan as an outstanding leader who has upheld the core values and mission of the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Speaker, once again, it is my great honor to pay tribute to Captain Edward Callahan for his 40 years of service to the United States Navy. I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in thanking CAPT Callahan for his honorable service to our great Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
GEORGE R. "BOB" SMITH, JR.

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. George R. "Bob" Smith, Jr., of Shawsville, Virginia. A proud "country doctor", Dr. Smith founded the Alleghany Clinic in 1955, where he worked tirelessly throughout a more than 40-year career as a family physician.

Shortly after its founding, Dr. Smith convinced his friend Dr. Clarence Taylor to join him in Shawsville to also work at the clinic. Just down the road, they built their own homes next door to one another on a road now appropriately called Pair O'Docs Lane.

In the mid-1960s, Dr. Smith opened the Meadowbrook Nursing Home and in 1982, he founded a nonprofit, the Mountain Valley Charitable Foundation, awarding scholarships to aspiring nurses so they could work at the nursing home.

Once Meadowbrook Nursing Home closed in 2001, Dr. Smith oversaw its transformation into the Meadowbrook Center, which featured a library, wellness center, museum, galley, and community center.

He also helped start the Shawsville Rescue Squad, was a consistent leader in the Shawsville Ruritan Club, served on regional

and statewide medical boards, and dedicated his time to multiple volunteer and charitable causes.

When not serving his patients, Dr. Smith spent time with his family and on the golf course with his golfing buddies.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 73 years Mildred, and his children George R. Smith III (Melinda) and Julia Stewart (Barry) of Shawsville, Mary Beth Bode (John) of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Linda Paulk of Portland, Oregon, together with his nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, all of whom knew him affectionately as G-daddy. I offer them my condolences on their loss.

Dr. Smith leaves behind a lasting legacy in Southwest Virginia, having touched the lives of so many in Shawsville and the surrounding counties. His presence and generosity of spirit will be greatly missed.

RECOGNIZING MR. LAYNE HARPER

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a standout member of the South Sound community. I would like to recognize Mr. Layne Harper and his commitment to taking care of our veterans in his role as a Veteran Service Officer for the National Association for Black Veterans (NABVETS).

An Army veteran himself, Layne serves with the wisdom and understanding necessary to successfully process claims and provide services to the military community. Over 10,000 veterans and their dependents in Washington state, the country, and abroad have received their service-connected disability benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs—the results of Layne's work.

Prior to his time at NABVETS, Layne founded the Caribbean Veterans Service (CARICOM) and received accreditations from his work with the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. and the African American Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Association (AAPTSDA).

Layne Harper exemplifies the values of integrity and community commitment that run deep in the South Sound. It is my honor to highlight such a service-oriented constituent and his incredible work improving the lives of thousands of others in the military community.

RECOGNIZING SONDR A MYERS'
LIFELONG CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND
PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sondra Myers to celebrate her retirement after nearly two decades as the founding director of The University of Scranton's Schemel Forum. Sondra is also the co-founder of Scranton's Interdependence Day, which promotes reaching out to neighbors and the world community to show that working together for security, economic and social justice, and preservation of the earth is essential.

Sondra has been instrumental in bringing the world to Scranton, and her impact on the community cannot be overstated.

Before joining The University of Scranton, Sondra served in various leadership roles, including as a special assistant to the chairman for partnerships at the National Endowment for the Humanities, cultural advisor to Pennsylvania Governor Robert P. Casey, and senior associate at the University of Maryland's Democracy Collaborative. She has also held numerous positions in academia, including director of the President's Millennium Seminars at The George Washington University and senior advisor on civic affairs to the president of Connecticut College.

Sondra has written, edited, and co-edited several books on democracy and civic engagement, presented programs in several countries, and organized and moderated symposia on culture and public policy for academic institutions and cultural organizations throughout the United States. Her impact on the national stage is evident through her appointments by Presidents Obama and Carter to the Commission on Presidential Scholars and the U.S. Commission on Fine Arts, respectively.

Sondra's leadership and expertise have been invaluable to the University of Scranton. Under her guidance, the Schemel Forum has become a highly popular program that brings renowned speakers to Scranton to engage in dialogue on a wide range of topics. Sondra's commitment to promoting cultural understanding and learning has enriched the community, and her legacy will continue to inspire scholars for generations.

Sondra's contributions to the arts and humanities are immeasurable, and her dedication to public service, is truly admirable. I extend my heartfelt congratulations on her retirement and wish her many fulfilling and enjoyable years ahead with her husband, Morey, and family.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF MASTER
SERGEANT JAMES J. WELLER

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Chief Master Sergeant James J. Weller. CMSgt Weller is retiring from the United States Air Force after 42 years of faithful service to our country.

Born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, Jim went on to graduate from Upper Dublin High School in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. He began his career of service early as a Civil Air Patrol Cadet and would go on to enlist as an Infantryman in the U.S. Air Reserves. In 1983 he transferred to the Air Force and began an illustrious career that saw him serve in locales throughout the world in support of the Cold War and the Global War on Terror.

Jim has served in many positions in defense of our great nation to include Military Law Enforcement, Aircraft Armament Technician, Emergency Manager, and various other additional duties. In March of 2003, Jim was part of the Red Tail Express, the first successful Air Force ground convoy into Iraq. On a sub-

sequent deployment to Iraq, he served as the Security Escort Manager to Baghdad Air Base. Jim's professional excellence and dedication to service is exemplified in his support of Operations Desert Storm, Deny Flight, Southern Watch, Southern Focus, Inherent Resolve, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

On the domestic front, Jim leveraged his extensive military experience in disaster management across 20 domestic operations. Notably he supported efforts during Covid-19, Hurricanes Floyd and Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, and Super Storm Sandy. His security expertise has been used in support of G-20 summits, a Papal visit, the 2016 Democratic National Convention and Presidential Inaugurations. Jim has also been instrumental in service to our local community where he serves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol as well as volunteer Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services.

In his private life, Jim and his wife Michelle reside in Warrington, Pennsylvania where they have raised 4 wonderful children.

We are all incredibly grateful for the positive impact Jim has had through his long career, and we wish him countless blessings during his retirement.

APPRECIATING SOUTH KOREA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 70th anniversary of the South Korea and United States alliance, formed in October 1953, with the signing of a mutual defense agreement at the end of the Korean War. Over the past seven decades, the alliance has proved to be successful, as the goal of protecting South Korea, specifically from another North Korea invasion has been achieved.

South Korea, officially the Republic of Korea, is one of the United States most valuable economic and strategic partners in Asia. South Korea is now our sixth largest trading partner, and we are their second largest, behind China.

Thursday, I was grateful to greet His Excellency Yoon Suk Yeol, President of Korea, to the Capitol and attend his address to the joint meeting of Congress along with my good Korean-American friend, Mr. Jaehoon Choe, who is also a fellow South Carolinian.

Amazingly the President cited "Known as the 'Miracle on the Han River,' Korea's economic growth rate was unrivaled. Korea was one of the Least Developed Countries after the war. Its annual income was just U.S. \$67 per capita. Now its economy ranks tenth in the world." Today, South Korea per capita is \$33,340 as North Korea is estimated a gruesome \$1,298.

In His Excellency's address he stated, "My friends, freedom and democracy are once again under threat. The war against Ukraine is a violation of international law. It is an attempt to unilaterally change the status quo with force. Korea strongly condemns the unprovoked armed attack against Ukraine."

"When North Korea invaded us in 1950, democracies came running to help us. We fought together and kept our freedom. The rest is history."

"Korea's experience shows us just how important it is for democracies to uphold solidarity. Korea will stand in solidarity with the free world. We will actively work to safeguard the freedom of the people of Ukraine and support their efforts in reconstruction."

South Korea is well represented in Washington with Ambassador Cho Hyun-dong who effectively promotes Seoul for defense and job creation for Korea and America.

As our military continues the fight in the War on Terrorism, we can find inspiration in remembering the Korean War victory over communism, which reminds us that Americans have a long history of defeating enemies of freedom all over the world achieving peace through strength.

CONGRATULATING INOCENCIA
JUSINO ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of my constituents Inocencia Jusino from Lajas on her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Jusino was born in Lajas on April 15, 1933, to Juan Jusino and Laura Torres, the second daughter of six children. Her father took her out of school in the fifth grade to work in the fields, to help support the family. This gave her valuable life lessons, work ethic and the drive that she still has today.

She moved to Brooklyn at the age of 19, speaking only Spanish and started working with the Ladies Garment Workers Union where she worked for the following 47 years.

Mrs. Jusino married Miguel Angel Corales on May 14, 1955, and they had two children Edwin and Marilyn. Her family grew when her daughter married Philip and her son Annabell.

She is the proud Abuela (grandmother) or as her grandchildren call her Vendo Vendo to Ina Marie, Mel, John-Michael, Jose, Genevieve, Bryant, Philip II, Kelly, and Sam. She is also a great-grandmother to Naylani, Leeland and Ava.

Mrs. Jusino returned to Puerto Rico full time in 1995 and was widowed in 2003. Despite losing her husband, she has continued to be active in her church and community. She frequently travels and has never missed a milestone in her children or grandchildren's lives.

I call on my colleagues to join me in congratulating Inocencia Jusino on her 90th birthday and wishes for continued health and happiness with her family.

HONORING SGT. KENNETH SUTER

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent SGT. Kenneth Suter for his distinguished service to the U.S. Air Force.

Hailing from Kodak, Tennessee, SGT. Kenneth Suter served on the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squad as an engine mechanic, primarily working on helicopter aircraft.

Stationed in Da Nang, Vietnam, SGT. Kenneth Suter proudly served from 1971 to 1972. May his sacrifice and service and that of his comrades never be forgotten.

COMMEMORATING CHARLES
STEELE'S SERVICE TO THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE CITY OF MANCHESTER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 28, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles Steele, a resident of Manchester, Michigan on the occasion of his 93rd birthday. His dedication and patriotism to his country and to his city is worthy of commendation.

Born in 1930, Charles moved to Manchester shortly after his birth. During high school and

after graduation, he was a member of the Navy Reserve. Shortly after an honorable discharge from the Navy Reserve, Charles was drafted into the Army in 1951, where he stayed until being honorably discharged in 1953. In April of 1953 he joined the Manchester American Legion, Post 117.

Charles' dedication to Post 117 and the veteran's community over the last 70 years cannot be understated. He was heavily involved in the construction of their new hall in the 1970s, which for decades served as a popular location for community events, parties, weddings, and bingo games. The last seven decades has seen him serve as the Commander of Post 117 on five separate occasions, as well as being the Post Chaplain for the last 15 years. As Chaplain, he has spoken at many of the Memorial Day Services in the area, as well as attending military funerals where he presents the flag to the families of fallen veterans.

Over the last 70 years, Charles' involvement in his community has been visible to everyone outside of the veteran community as well. He

started the Color Guard Team that has been present at every Manchester High School football game since 1953. He missed his first game in 70 years last season but is hopeful to be back this fall. Starting with the Centennial Celebration of the City of Manchester in 1967, there are around 70 flags that are put up and taken down daily on holidays and special occasions on Main St. For 55 years, he has helped with the flags. Most recently and when he is available, he drives the truck with the flags.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Charles Steele's lifetime of service to this Nation and his community. His commitment and dedication go beyond Legion Post 117. He has demonstrated the same qualities to his community, Emanuel United Church of Christ, the Manchester Athletic Boosters, and his family. We thank him for his service and wish him the happiest of birthdays.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 2989–3035; and 11 resolutions, H. Res. 337–347, were introduced. **Pages H2116–19**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2120–21**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Greg Shipe, First Baptist Church, Bellefonte, PA. **Page H2091**

Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Commerce relating to “Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties in Accord With Presidential Proclamation 10414”: The House passed H.J. Res. 39, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Commerce relating to “Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties in Accord With Presidential Proclamation 10414”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 202. **Pages H2093–H2103**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2nd. **Page H2103**

Work Period Designation: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Saturday, April 29, 2023, through Monday, May 8, 2023, as a “district work period” under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5. **Page H2106**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H2102–03.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TRIBAL PERSPECTIVES ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Tribal Perspectives on Housing and Transportation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy, U.S. Department of the Navy; Admiral Michael M. Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Department of the Navy; and General David H. Berger, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE: TAKING ON THE NEXT EMERGING PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Antimicrobial Resistance: Taking on the next Emerging Public Health Threat”. Testimony was heard from Mary Denigan-Macauley, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM: FEMA'S PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program: FEMA’s Perspective”. Testimony was heard from David Maurstad, Assistant Administrator, Federal Insurance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 1690, to authorize Secretary of State to negotiate regional immigration agreements, and for other purposes; H.R. 589, to impose sanctions on the Supreme Leader of Iran and the President of Iran and their respective offices for human rights abuses and support for terrorism; H. Res. 300, requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit, respectively, to the House of Representatives copies of all documents indicating any plans for current or future military assistance to Ukraine and documents indicating whether any United States Armed Forces, including special operations forces, are currently deployed in Ukraine; and H.R. 2789, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy on efforts to strengthen subnational cooperation between the United States and Mexico, and for other purposes. H. Res. 300 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 589, H.R. 1690, and H.R. 2789 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.J. Res. 29, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status With Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment”; H.J. Res. 46, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat”; H.J. Res. 49, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule

submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat”; H.R. 215, the “WATER for California Act”; H.R. 764, the “Trust the Science Act”; H.R. 1245, the “Grizzly Bear State Management Act of 2023”; H.R. 1319, the “Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act”; H.R. 1419, the “Comprehensive Grizzly Bear Management Act of 2023”; and H.R. 1567, the “ACRES Act”. H.R. 215 and H.R. 1567 were ordered reported, as amended. H.J. Res. 29, H.J. Res. 46, H.J. Res. 49, H.R. 764, H.R. 1245, H.R. 1319, and H.R. 1419 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1669, the “VET-TEC Authorization Act”; H.R. 562, the “Improving Veterans Access to Congressional Services Act of 2023”; H.R. 1089, the “VA Medical Center Facility Transparency Act”; H.R. 1530, the “Veterans Benefits Improvement Act”; H.R. 1529, the “Veterans’ Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act”; H.R. 1256, the “Veterans Health Administration Leadership Transformation Act”; and H.R. 366, the “Korean American VALOR Act”. H.R. 1529 and H.R. 366 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1669, H.R. 562, H.R. 1089, H.R. 1530, and H.R. 1256 were ordered reported, as amended.

**PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Central Intelligence Agency held a hearing entitled “People’s Republic of China Counterintelligence Capabilities”. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,
MAY 1, 2023**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, May 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Anthony Devos Johnstone, of Montana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 2

House Chamber

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